February

One significant moment I want to focus on in this article is the official launch of our fundraising campaign, “Faith First: Transforming Lives for Years to Come.” Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, February 15, when we will gather to celebrate and kick-off the three-year campaign (2015-2017) at a special luncheon in McKay Hall following the 11:00am Worship Service. We hope you can join us! It will be a pivotal moment in the life of our church.

For the past year and a half, our Campaign Committee has been meeting together to discern the shape and timing of the campaign. I want to personally thank the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication, especially Steve Weissner, our chair. Our initial charge was to design a campaign that would build on the exciting time of renewal we’re experiencing at First Pres. Worship attendance has been up. Our children and youth ministries are growing. New ministries have cropped up left and right. Church leadership – both clergy and lay – is strong and dynamic. We have been reminded of the hopeful future God has in store for us.

After a lot of prayer and conversation, our committee settled on four areas of ministry to bolster in this campaign:

(1) Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Our children and youth are not just the future of the church. (1) Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Our children and youth are not just the future of the church. They are a critical part of the church today. Their joy, wisdom and candor bless us and keep us engaged. During the past two years, this area of ministry has been revitalized with the hiring of a full-time director in Jennifer Shaw and the stepping up of many faithful volunteers. There is a bright future here. With this additional funding, there is so much more we can do.

(2) Pastoral Intern Program. When the apostle Paul mentored Timothy, his young protégé, he modeled the importance of teaching and empowering young leaders who would go out and serve the church far and wide. With the addition of a one-year Pastoral Intern program, First Pres will return to being a teaching church by inviting a seminary student to gain real life experience in our midst and develop pastoral skills that will bless his or her future ministry. We are raising funds for five years of this program, as a pilot, with the hope of hiring our first intern by the Fall of 2016.

(3) Mission. The church is always at its best when it looks beyond itself. Whenever we rest on our laurels or practice navel-gazing, we lose our missionary impulse. For each of its 183 years of ministry, First Pres has made mission a top priority. From the beginning, God has called us not to be served, but to serve. But we want to grow even further in our mission giving and mission doing. Would any of us deny there is so much more we could do for the “least of these”? The raising of these funds will allow us to do that. As our mission grows, other people will be transformed, and, in turn, so will we.

(4) Building Maintenance. Our large and beautiful building – 83,000 square feet in all – is a gift from our ancestors in the faith. It’s our primary tool for ministry – it allows us to worship God in a glorious space, offer numerous ministries, run a theater and day school, host community groups and much more. Along with that, however, comes the inevitability of maintenance of our maturing building. We cannot anticipate when certain large expenditures will need to be covered, such as replacing a roof or upgrading building security. By raising these funds, we will be able to accomplish projects as needed, instead of deferring them to the future.

In order to reach our campaign goal, we need the participation of everyone. Gifts both large and small are important. All gifts are faithful and sacrificial and deeply appreciated. Arianne and I are planning to make our pledge, and we hope you will join us. This important campaign spread out over three years will help shape the faith of future generations, empower young pastors in our denomination, deepen our commitment to mission and ensure the maintenance of our building. Join us on February 15 and recommit to make “Faith First” both now and into the future!

With gratitude and lots of hope,

~ Rev Jeff Lehn

Photo of Arianne and Baby Eden by Abby Miller
Highlights from the November and December Session Meetings

All Session meetings begin with a light supper, sharing of joys and concerns and devotions led by the Elders of the Month.

November 11, 2014

Rev. Jeff Lehn introduced Rev. Dr. Hal Thomas who will be serving us as temporary associate pastor while Rev. Arianne Lehn is on maternity leave. Rev. Thomas briefly related his faith journey.

Elder Ruble of the Communications Committee reminded Session of our church’s participation in “The Night of Lights” on Thanksgiving eve. Our carillon will play a selection of Christmas carols following the Heartland Chorale concert at the St. Francis parking lot. First Presbyterian initiated the finale of the evening with nine downtown churches ringing their bells. A search for a part-time(20 hrs) replacement for Luci Foltz as a church staff editor will begin next week.

Clerk’s Report: The baptism of Eden Braithwaite Loh, to be held on December 21, 2014 at 11:00am, was approved. A brief report on the recent Presbytery meeting was given. A letter from the Ossian Presbyterian Church regarding a vote by their Session to request dismissal from the PCUSA was read.

Treasurer’s Report: The quarterly Report of the Foundation was reviewed. The October financial report shows a continued decline in contributions to date ($132,946). A proposed 2015 budget will be presented at the December Session meeting.

Pastors’ Report: Rev. Dr. An asked for the approval of new KLM member, Sin Young Park. M/S/P. Rev. Hal Thomas reported on the preparation of deacons to serve home communion on a fairly regular basis. Rev. Jeff Lehn will conclude the sermon series on “The Fruit of the Spirit”. He expressed a formal thank you for allowing him paternity leave on the birth of his daughter. After a lengthy discussion it was a consensus to spend the next three months using our study time to discern whether or not the Session should approve same sex marriage. Elders Odle, Sapp, and Ehlich volunteered to lead the discussions. The congregation is to be informed of this pending decision and provided opportunity for input. See article, page 12.

December 9, 2014

Steve Weissner updated the Session on the silent phase of the Faith First Fund Raiser. The public campaign will be introduced at the annual meeting with a kick-off luncheon on February 15, 2015. This is to be a three year campaign with a goal of $3.5 million. See article, page 12. Our study time was devoted to discussing same sex marriage. First, everyone completed a survey to help determine the Session’s position at this time.

Committee Testimony: Elder Lee announced that KLM has changed the name of their “Steering Committee” to “Deacons”. The financial support for the North Korean refugee children will continue as well as a local mission. Rev. Dr. An will involve Korean youth in an education program during the 9:00am hour on Sundays. Elder Sapp reported that the Nominating Committee has almost completed the slate of officers for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Elder Luci Foltz reminded everyone that annual reports are due January 5, 2015.

Treasurer’s Report: The November Financial Report continues to show a decline in anticipated contributions of $139,260. After a lengthy discussion the Proposed 2015 Budget with a deficit of $64,733 was M/S/P. The Trustees Fund (General Fund) has been available in the past to cover year end deficits. Funding for the proposed cash deficit was discussed. It was M/S/P by a supermajority vote to approve taking the cash deficit ½ from the ME Program Fund and ½ from the Muriel Gould Jurgensen Endowment Program Fund – if needed- transfers to be done quarterly and/or as needed rather than on a monthly basis, up to $64,733.

Elders of the Month

The designated Elders of the Month are on call to hear the concerns of congregation members, to assist with Baptisms and to help with other worship related events as necessary.

The Elders of the Month for January are
Jim Ehlich, 241-1235, and Sally Swihart, 744-4645

The Elders of the Month for February are
John Ruble, 637-8332, and Marcie Weissner, 459-2470

Hospital Visitation and Clergy on Call Schedule:
Our three Clergy regularly visit rehab patients as well as those in hospitals. The on-call schedule for January and February is as follows:

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How We Know If You’re in the Hospital: Every weekday morning, a member of our staff calls each area hospital, gives our special code number, and receives a list of those admitted in the last 24 hours who have listed First Presbyterian as their church. These names are passed on to the Pastor on call and to the Deacons, and the patients are visited as soon as possible. Unfortunately, if a person is admitted in an emergency situation, we do not receive this information even when we call the hospital. So, if your family member or friend has been hospitalized and you’re not sure if we know about it, please call the Church Office, 426-7421 x100, and give us the name. We would much rather have it twice than not at all. Also, please remember to notify us when someone is moved from a hospital to long term care or a rehab facility. Thank you.
**Angels Among Us**

Many of us have been touched by angels: those living among us, reaching out to us, lending a hand. This column is an opportunity for individuals to recognize and show appreciation for their angel(s) in a detailed or anonymous way. FPC welcomes your submissions to the ‘Angels Among Us’ column. Please e-mail submissions to lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org or leave a note at the Church Office.

Thank you to the many angels, both staff and volunteers, at First Pres who have made my five years here an absolute delight. The list is huge but I must mention specifically Danielle, Lea and Lisa without whom I simply could not have done my job. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. While I’m excited about retiring, I will miss you all. —Luci Foltz

A special thank you to John Ruble, the “angel” whose persistent efforts made the Ringing of the Bells on November 26, Thanksgiving Eve, a huge success.

Blessings to Angel Luci Foltz whose tireless efforts and attention to detail the past five years have made FPC communications materials interesting, meaningful, and relevant. Thank you for your commitment and contribution. —Communications Committee

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**If you have e-mail**, please read First Pres Weekly News which is e-mailed to you every Friday at Noon. This short e-newsletter will give you up-to-date information for the coming week, and includes a prayer naming those who are hospitalized or have other needs.

**Prayer Chain Requests**: If you have a prayer request, please call Joan Jackson, 486-4828, or contact Arianne Lehn at 426-7421 x106 or alehn@firstpres-fw.org.

Thank you to all of you who have returned 2015 Commitment Cards! If you haven’t yet returned your commitment card for next year, please do so as soon as possible. If you can’t locate your card, pledge cards are available in the pews or you may call the Financial Office with your pledge information or to request a new card.

Audio Copies of Recent Sermons are available on our website, www.firstpres-fw.org. Go to Media & Resources / Latest Sermons.

Our clergy are off on Mondays, with the pastor on call being available for emergencies. If you need immediate assistance, please contact the Church Office, 426-7421. See the weekly bulletin for the most up-to-date on call information.

**Hearing Assistance**: Our Chapel, Sanctuary, McKay Hall and Theater are equipped with the “Hearing Loop” system. Set your hearing aid to the “T-coil” or “telephone” setting to access the system or ask an usher for a loop headset.

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**SCRIPTURES AND ANTHEMS**

**January and February**

January 4 - John 1:1-18  
*Who Would Think That What Was Needed* by John L. Bell

January 11 – Mark 1:4-11  
*This Is My Beloved*, Dan Uhl

January 18 – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
*Lord, You Have Searched Me*, Robert A. Hobby

January 25 – Mark 1:14-20  
*Hear My Prayer*, Moses Hogan

February 1 – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
*Rise O Church Like Christ Arisen*, John Ferguson

February 8 – Isaiah 40:21-31  
*It Is Well With My Soul*, Yu-Shan Tsai

February 15 – Mark 9:2-9 (Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday)  
*Transfiguration*, Joel Martinson

February 22 – Rev. Elmarie Parker, Guest Preacher  
*(First Sunday in Lent)*  
*Lamb of God*, Melius Christiansen

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**Printed Copies of most Sermons** are available upon request (usually by Tuesday). Copies of past sermons are also available. You may request that a copy of a recent sermon be mailed to you by calling the Church Office, 426-7421 x100. If you wish, we will put your name on our list to automatically receive the sermon by mail each week.

**We have a dedicated Prayer Room!** Room 300 is a quiet space for YOU. The Prayer Room is open during regular church office hours for anyone to come in, to pray to, or listen for God. Please use this wonderful room, more importantly, enjoy some time alone with our God!

**Welcome Baby Ministry**: We at First Pres are excited to welcome new babies into this wonderful world and our Church Family. If you are pregnant or adopting, please contact Jennifer Shaw, 426-7421 x127 or jenshaw15@gmail.com. We look forward to providing the families of new babies with home-cooked meals, support from other moms and small gifts from the church.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS AND ANNUAL MEETING**

**Attention Committee Chairs and Others**: Annual Reports should be submitted to Luci Foltz at lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org by January 5. If you prefer to submit a paper copy, please leave it in the Church Office marked attn: Luci. Copies of last year’s Annual Report are available for reference. Ask at the Church Office or call Luci, 426-7421 x113.

**Annual Meeting**: The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday morning, February 1, with breakfast beginning at 9:30am. The meeting will begin at 9:45am and will conclude before the 11:00am Worship Service. There will be no 9:00am Worship Service that morning.
The Third Sunday of Each Month is a day of glorious generosity at First Pres. People donate to the monthly food drive, bring the food they’ve prepared for the Rescue Mission meal and drop their coins in the children’s Bucket Collection. Please take a minute today to mark all of the “third Sundays” on your calendar, so you can come prepared to share. Thank you.

Rescue Mission Meal: The January Mission Meal will be prepared and served on January 18. The February Mission Meal will be prepared and served on February 15. Watch for menu announcements in weekly bulletins. Cooks and servers are always needed. Please sign up in the Church Office if you are able to participate, or call 426-7421 x100. Your faithfulness to this ministry is always appreciated.

January & February Presby Day Plans: Smock Senior Ministries Presents: “PRESBY-DAY” on the third Thursday of each month, 10:00am to 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, January 15: the topic is Mystery???
Thursday, February 19: the topic is A Heart of Compassion featuring First Presbyterian Everyone A Neighbor Day; United Faith Church Store and Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.
Call 260-426-7421 x132 with your reservations.
All Presbyterians over 50 and their friends are invited.

Let Us Rejoice with You: If you would like to allow our church family to rejoice with you about a landmark anniversary or birthday, please send the information to Luci Foltz, 426-7421 x113 or lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org at least two weeks before the date of the event. Thank you.

Suicide Grief Support Group, First Hope: A few changes to the FPC Suicide Grief Support Group will occur in 2015. They will continue to meet on the second Sunday of the month in 2015, but at 1:00pm rather than 12:30pm (to allow those from other congregations to travel to FPC.) Our scheduled meeting dates for this year are January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9, in Room 300. Also, the group has officially changed its name from the FPC Suicide Grief Support Group to First Hope, beginning January, 2015.

This group is a place where those who have lost a loved one to suicide can find comfort and support and a safe place to share their experiences with others who really understand. The group is led by Lea Ann Powers, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Facilitator, and co-facilitated by FPC members.

2015 Winter Session of 3B (body, brain & belief) starts on Monday, January 5 and ends on Friday, March 20. No class on Monday, January 19. 3B classes meet in McKay Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-2:30pm. Come and join the exercise class led by Rev. William R. Haworth.

Everyone a Neighbor Day provides food, comfort, and hospitality to people living (some on the streets) in our downtown neighborhood. We serve a nutritious noon meal, distribute donated clothing, and provide a place of shelter and relaxation on the fourth Thursday of each month. January 22 and February 26 are the next dates for END.
To find out how you can help, please call Sharon Hedeen, 483-9666. Monetary and clothing donations may be brought to the Church Office.

Faith Friends of Buckingham and Georgetown 46815 will resume meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at Hall’s Triangle Park at 6:00pm. The dates for the next two meetings are Monday, January 26 and Monday, February 23.

Faith Friends – 46825, 46845 and 46818 – meet for Sunday lunch and fellowship, after the 11:00am Worship Service, at Halls Gas House, on the second Sunday of each month, September through May. Their next two meetings are on January 11 and February 8.

Faith Friends - 46804 and 46814 - meet on the second Sunday of each month at Hall’s Tavern at Coventry at 5:30pm. Their next two meeting dates are January 11 and February 8.
First Presbyterian Scholarships
The 2015 competition for First Presbyterian scholarships is now open. Scholarships in the amount of $1,000 are made available to qualifying members and children of members to provide financial assistance in pursuit of post-secondary education.

Scholarship recipients may be of any age, as long as they are taking degree-directed courses.

If interested, contact Lisa Yarian in the Financial Office for more information and an application. Completed applications, along with an essay, a listing of church participation and activities, and a cumulative high school or college transcript are due April 1.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE to submit your nomination for recipient of the 2015 Church & Society Distinguished Service Award. Forms are available in the Church Office and there is a box there in which to place your completed nomination forms, or you may email your nomination to dgonzalez@firstpres-fw.org. The deadline to turn in your nomination is January 18, 2015.

To qualify, recipient 1) must be a member of First Presbyterian Church; 2) Service activities must have been accomplished as a volunteer; 3) Candidates’ names and resumes should be submitted in confidence and may be submitted by any person or group (without the nominee’s knowledge).

The 2015 Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 1, 2015.

An additional convenient way to give to First Presbyterian: Credit cards may now be used to fulfill your giving to the church. You can call (426-7421 x111 or x116) or stop by the financial office during business hours (9:00am – 5:00pm) weekdays to process a payment towards your pledge, a special offering or gift to the church. The traditional ways of giving to the church—cash, check, or the online bill payer services offered by most banks, continue to the most cost efficient way to gift to the church, but this additional means is being offered as a convenience and modern method for giving. Master Card, Visa and Discover are accepted.

The 2015 Per Capita amount is $36.93 per confirmed First Presbyterian Church member. A per capita envelope will be included in your 2015 offering envelope box. If you do not have offering envelopes, and/or would like to prepay your per capita for next year, you may use a pew envelope and mark “2015 per capita” on it, or just include “2015 per capita” in the memo section of your check.

Looking Ahead: the Fourth Annual Giant Garage Sale is scheduled for April 10 and 11. Start accumulating items to sell or donate now. Bring in things you are donating at any time and we will store them here.
법사에 감사하라.

(새해를 맞이하여 법사에 감사하는 것에 대해) 2014년 11월 23일 추수 감사 주일 설교

예수님의 복음은 원래 설득하는 것 persuade이 아니라 선도하는 것 proclaim입니다. 부주의자이고 제가 가는 것이, 당연히 도움이 필요하다는 것이 아닙니다. 예수님의 진리를 설연하는 것이라는 의미입니다. 그 러서 사실 성경에는 아주 강력한 명령이 많이 등장합니다. 우리가 흔히 영어 문법에서 명령형이라고 배운 문법보다 훨씬 더 강력한 명령문이 성경이 기록된 헬레어에는 많이 등장합니다.

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어디 한 구석에 우리의 목표를 구하거나 우리의 의지 없는 범죄가 없어지고 있지 않습니다. 단호하게 명령합니다.

"행복 기뻐하라"하고 지키고 말씀에 감사하라; 그리고 믿으십시오. "왜냐하면 이것은 너희를 향한 하나님의 뜻이다"라고 말씀드리다. 행복 기뻐할 수 있을까요? 지키고 기도할 수 있을까요?

법사에 감사할 수 있을까요?

이말이 한계가 있는 사람에게는 불가능한 이야기입니다. 그리스도의 말씀을 해석하는 것이 아니라, 우리가 그런 사제를 가지고 살아야한다고 말해 주고 있습니다.

특별히 오늘 감사 주일을 맞이하여 우리가 법사에 감사한다는 것은 우리에게 어떤 사제를 요구하는 가. 그러나 사제에게 찾아 감사하며 어떤 안을 나누고자 합니다.

1. 감사는 조건에서 나오는 것이 아니라 앞에서 나옵니다.

오늘 성경에 나와 있는 사제라는 많은 영어를 번역하면, EVERYTHING 혹은 all circumstances이라는 말이 됩니다. 그래서 법사에 감사하라는 말 "우리의 성경을 모든 두 달 날짜가 살펴보고, 그 렇도 하나 정도는 감사할 것이 있을 것입니다"라는 식으로 해석합니다.

그런데, 2000년전의 그리스도인에게는 사제라는 많은 사람들이 지금 경험하는 우리의 일상과는 달랐습니다. 그들의 삶에는 농민작업이라도 감사할 조건을 찾을 수가 없었습니다. 정말 그 시절에는 그렇습니다. 그들은 모이면 누가 순교를 하였고, 누가 로마에 있었고, 누가 사자들이 로마에 있었습니다. 누구도 이들에 대해 점검이 이루어졌고 감사할 조건을 찾는 것은 불가능한 일입니다.

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그러므로 추수 감사절은 내가 가르치거나 말한 감사의 조건을 발견하는 날이 아니라, 나에게 감사의 사제가 있는지 자신을 점검하는 시간이 되어야 합니다.

2. 혼들리지 않는 감사는 하나님의 뿌리나나를 나옵니다.

교회의 예배 가운데 찾아 오셔서 우리의 마음을 열어 주시니 감사합니다.

한나반란 축복한 중 앞에 하시고 하나님의 임재를 인하여 감사하는 우리 모두의 삶이 되게 하소서 예수님의 이름으로 기도합니다.

이벤.
Happy New Year!

This is my sermon that was preached last Thanksgiving Sunday. I hope you all enjoy it.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Translation into English by Sangeun Lee

When we talk about evangelism, it is our job to proclaim the gospel, not to persuade the people. The difference between persuasion and proclamation is that we need to proclaim the gospel regardless of whether or not we agree to the gospel. There are many powerful commandments from God in the Scriptures. We learned this kind of grammar as an imperative sentence. However, the commandments that are written in the Bible are way more powerful than a normal imperative sentence. Today’s scripture is in the same context. It does not persuade us to agree or ask for our opinions. It simply commands. It says, “Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Can we always rejoice? Can we pray continually? Can we give thanks in all circumstances?

Today’s verses are impossible stories to the people who are limited in their life. They are not telling us to translate words for words, but to live our life with the proper attitude of rejoicing always, praying continually and giving thanks in all circumstances. Especially today as we are celebrating this Thanksgiving service, I want to share the grace of God by talking about what kinds of attitudes are necessary for our life that needs to give thanks in all circumstances.

Firstly, thanksgiving does not come from a condition, but from an attitude.

When we translate today’s scriptures into English, it can be described as Everything or All Circumstances. Therefore, the phrase, “giving thanks in all circumstances” can be translated into this statement. “If we look around our conditions carefully, then we will be able to find at least one thing we can be thankful for.”

However, two thousand years ago, “giving thanks in all circumstances” had a totally different meaning from how we understand this phrase today. There were no conditions of thanksgiving in people’s life. It was true at that time. Whenever they gathered together, their stories were that someone was martyred, someone was imprisoned, someone was eaten by a lion, or someone was enslaved. It was impossible to find thanksgiving from these kinds of life conditions.

Even at the time when the Thanksgiving Day was officially created, people did not give thanks because there was something that they could be thankful for. They were just so thankful to be near the tombs of their colleagues and their children when they came back to America.

What I am trying to say here is that they were not thankful because there were life conditions that they could be thankful for, but because they had attitudes of giving thanks in all circumstances.

Therefore, Thanksgiving Day should not be the day when you try to find conditions that you can be thankful for. It should be the time when you check if you have an attitude of giving thanks in all circumstances.

Secondly, unshakable thanksgiving comes from God. There is a joke that says that lawyers hate people who live without laws. It symbolizes the people who are sincere in their life and are not wanting to cause others trouble. They are the people who think that they are enough to receive salvation from God and live as children of God. These are the people who put the cause of salvation on their own righteousness, not on the grace of God.

It is our freedom and our own judgment to say that we are righteous, but it is an absolute delusion because the Bible says that there is no one who is righteous. Am I not telling you this all the time? Everyone who lives in this world is abnormal. Additionally, like we sing at the end of the service, the world will shake and the people will change. This is our reality. Thinking that you yourself are righteous is a delusion and it can cause other troubles.

Therefore, the people who try to find conditions for thanksgiving in themselves cannot gain true, unchangeable, and precious thanksgiving in their life. Then what do we have to do?

We have to find thanksgivings in God, not in ourselves.

Therefore, we have to be thankful through God who gives us an eternal life rather than being thankful through us. We have to be thankful through God who solves every problem we have when we have problems in our life rather than being thankful through us who we think do not have problems at all.

Even when our life faces obstacles that seem unreachable to us, we have to be thankful through God who trains us through those obstacles and finally leads us to good places.

In conclusion, I want the Thanksgiving Day of this year to be different from other Thanksgiving Days you have been through. I want to encourage all of you to check if you have attitudes of giving thanks in all circumstances rather than looking for the conditions you can be thankful for. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ that you will be thankful through God by turning your eyes to God rather than being thankful through the conditions around you.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank you so much for your presence and opening our hearts today. Help us to be thankful through you in our life. Help us to know that our life is already enough through your love and grace. In Jesus’ name I pray,

Amen

Thanks always
–Your Happy Pastor Rev. An

Give Thanks.
First Presbyterian Theater Presents

The Savannah Disputation by Evan Smith, director Thom Hofrichter
January 8**, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18*, 23, 24, 2015

Southern charm flies out the window when a young conservative evangelist tries to save the souls of two elderly liberal Catholics. When out argued by the young bible-spouting know-it-all, they arrange for their parish priest to be part of the conversation to make it a fair fight. A blissfully entertaining play, filled with heady and fascinating debate, but along the way there are plenty of laughs in this heaven-sent comedy about the strange boundaries which separate Christians from one another.

And coming at the end of February:

Shakespeare’s Merchant Of Venice adapted with new material and directed by Jack Cantey
February 26**, 27, 28, March 6, 7, 8*, 13, 14, 2015
Opening in conjunction with FPC Celebration of the Arts weekend.
See pages 10 & 11 for more details.

2015 STRATFORD FESTIVAL TOUR

Friday, June 26, 8:00pm: Carousel

Saturday, June 27, 2:00pm: Diary of Anne Frank (substitute Hamlet)
8:00pm: She Stoops to Conquer (substitute The Sound of Music)

Sunday, June 28, 2:00pm: Taming of the Shrew

Includes: bus, lodging, two breakfasts, tickets to four group rate shows.

Call 426-7421 x103 for details or go to our website: firstpresbyteriantheater.com

Theater Hours
All evening performances at 7:30pm
Sunday matinees at 2:00pm (Check each play for dates)
Box Office Hours: 11:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and one hour prior to performance at the theater
Festival seating (first come, first served)
House opens 30 minutes before curtain
** Preview performance *Sunday Performance, 2:00pm

Ticket Prices
General Admission $20
Seniors (over 65) $18
Thursday previews $10
Group rates: 20 or more $15
Tickets are available online at: firstpresbyteriantheater.com

Free Tickets For Students
Tomorrow’s Audiences Today is a program to encourage students to see theater. Thirty free tickets for every performance* are available to full-time students (grade school, high school, and university). Free tickets must be reserved through the box office, or our website firstpresbyteriantheater.com
*Does not apply to FPT’s Christmas shows.
JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Opening Night Reception: Friday, January 9, 5:30-7:00pm–Reception for the Congregation: Sunday, January 11, 12:00-1:30pm

**Julie Wall Toles** – print maker  
juliewalltoles.com

**Greg and Becky Jordan** – jewelry  
Jordanfineartjewelry.com

*Julie Wall Toles* is a local area artist. She graduated from IPFW in 2009 with a BFA in Print making. Since then, she has been extremely involved in the local art scene. Her studio, Hedgehog Press, opened in 2013 and offers numerous classes and workshops for all ages. Julie has conducted print making demonstrations at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, and the Potter’s Wife Gallery. Dan Swartz, the founder and director of Wunderkammer Co., has contributing a piece to be displayed with Julie’s prints.

**Greg and Becky Jordan** left Indiana in 1985, spending 15 years in Sarasota, FL before moving back to Fort Wayne in 1999. They participate in 20-30 art fairs each year. The Jordans create mixed metal jewelry with a primitive theme using sterling silver, copper, brass, semi-precious stones, rocks, polymer clay, and found objects. Acid etching, steel wool, enamel paint and/or chemical patinas are applied to achieve a naturally-aged effect.

FEBRUARY 27 - APRIL 12, 2015

Reception: Friday, February 27, 5:30-7:15pm
Featuring authentic Japanese food and live Japanese guitar
Sadao Watanabe - 1913-1996 a CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts) Exhibition as part of the FPC Celebration of the Arts
(See pages 10 & 11 for details.)

Next Up on the 2014-2015 Music Series

**St. Olaf Choir**
February 12, 7:30, Sanctuary, tickets required

Tickets are available at:
stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir
or in the Church Office.

Tickets are $30 for adults and $10 for students, group rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

You don’t want to miss this event! The St. Olaf Choir with 75 voices is a premier college choir. They are internationally renown for a unique combination of superior choral singing and the presentation of challenging choral programming with a vast repertoire including the entire history of Western music.
Welcome to First Presbyterian's Celebration of the Arts Weekend, Feb. 27 - March 1.
We hope you will join us for as many events as possible during this weekend of focus on the arts.

### Three-Day Schedule

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
- 5:30-7:00pm, Gallery Reception with live Japanese music and Japanese food
- 7:30pm, Opening Night of Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
- 10:30am, Workshop, Faith and the Arts: A Creative Exploration, Michael Bauer
- 12:00pm, Luncheon, $6.50
- 1:00pm Tales of Transformation: Beauty and Discipleship in an Age of Anxiety, Michael Bauer
- 2:15pm Break with light refreshments
- 2:30pm Beauty Given by Grace: The Life and Art of Sadao Watanabe, Sandra Bowden
- 7:30pm Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1
- 11:00am Worship Service- celebrating the arts, Guest preacher, Dr. Michael Bauer
- 12:15pm, Luncheon, $6.50
- 1:30pm, Organ Recital/Worship Service featuring Dupré’s Symphonie-Passion performed by Dr. Chelsea Vaught

### Gallery Reception

Featuring authentic Japanese food and live Japanese guitar, and showcasing the amazing work of Sadao Watanabe - 1913-1996. This is a very special CVA (Christians in the Visual Arts) Exhibition. Sadao Watanabe was born in Tokyo in 1913 and converted to Christianity as a young man. His art is completely devoted to Biblical themes, and he tells the story of the Bible in a Japanese environment with Jesus Christ clad in a kimono, eating sushi instead of bread and drinking sake instead of wine. Watanabe was named a national treasure of Japan and is an internationally acclaimed artist. His prints are part of permanent collections around the world.

The prints on exhibit are from the collections of Sandra and John A Kohan. For another insight into the work of Watanabe visit this blog by Makato Fujiomura: WatanabebyFujimura.docs.

### Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice

adapted with new material and directed by Jack Cantey

In one of Shakespeare’s most complex and controversial plays, a merchant secures a loan from Shylock, a Jewish money-lender, who will receive a pound of flesh if the loan defaults. Is Shylock simply a bloodthirsty villain or, rather, a victim of an anti-Semitic culture? Christianity and Judaism, vengeance and mercy, comedy and tragedy, all collide in a fresh look at this powerful masterpiece. Thom Hofrichter is featured as Shylock.

### Faith and Art: A Creative Exploration

This workshop will explore the role of arts ministry in the local church, including the visual arts, drama, dance, the literary arts, film and human creativity itself. Participants will emerge from the workshop with an enhanced understanding of arts ministry and a proposal detailing how to further develop the arts ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

### Tales of Transformation: Beauty and Discipleship in an Age of Anxiety

We live in an age of anxiety. Teetering between the extraordinary creative and destructive powers of the human race, we seek to live our lives as disciples of Christ. Beauty, as expressed in the fine arts, craftsmanship, and human creativity itself, provides us with stories of transformation that offer hope and liberation. In so doing, beauty enlivens our collective journey as the body of Christ.

### Beauty Given by Grace: The Life and Art of Sadao Watanabe

Sandra Bowden will talk about Sadao Watanabe’s life as a Christian and as an artist who created some of the most beautiful biblical art of the 20th century. A discussion will include his Christian faith, how he applied that personal commitment to his art, and how his art was for him a lectio divina, using his art in meditation. She will also talk about the influences that shaped his work, both from the West and from his own Japanese traditions, especially Medieval art and the Mingei movement. The time together will also focus on his work as an ‘artisan’ and on the complicated technique of stencil painting he used to create his momigami and washi prints.
**Presenters**

**Dr. Michael Bauer** is a Professor of Organ and Church Music at the University of Kansas where he developed a doctoral program in church music after his arrival in 1987. Bauer was a contributing author to *Leading the Congregation’s Song* published by Augsburg Fortress. In 2013, his book, *Arts Ministry: Nurturing the Creative Life of God’s People* was published by Eerdmans. Bauer is in demand as an organ recitalist and as a lecturer on topics concerning the relationship between religion and the arts.

**Sandra Bowden** is a visual artist, prolific author and lecturer. She has been interpreting Scripture and her own spiritual walk, through mixed media, for more than forty years. She has been acclaimed as one of the most unique, impressive and inspiring Christian artists in America. Bowden’s work has been featured in books, magazines and gallery shows across the United States, Canada, Italy and Jerusalem.

Her work fuses the vivid yet traditional imagery of the Old Testament – stone tablets and artifacts, Hebrew inscriptions, architectural depictions – with images of Christ’s passion, important music scores, and God’s natural creations. She has issued several series of artworks over the years: crucifixion scenes, artistic use of text and color, new interpretations of classic religious artwork, even altered books with applied textures and hues. God’s grandeur and creativity shine through in each piece of her art.

“My Christian faith has been the driving force behind my art,” Bowden says. “I look at the making of a piece of art as a kind of doxology, a prayer or conversation with God. I don’t mean this in any mystical way, but my ideas come out of my theology and thoughts about God. I am somewhat of a theologian, but one who translates those interpretations into visual form.”

In 1993 CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts) members elected artist and entrepreneur Sandra Bowden to serve as its board president. Sandra held this position until 2007 and during her fourteen year term CIVA’s membership and influence enjoyed remarkable growth. She was instrumental in getting the Traveling Exhibitions going and has loaned many works in her and her husband’s collection for these exhibits.

**Thom Hofrichter** is the Managing Artistic Director at First Presbyterian Church. He was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Upon graduation from Concordia Lutheran High School, he earned a BS in Accounting from Indiana University, Bloomington. In the fifteen years following his graduation from I.U. he supported himself as an actor, director, stage manager, lighting designer, producer, and educator in the theater; while earning a B.A. in Theater from UNLV, an M.A. in Communication from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, and pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder where he stopped his studies ½ a dissertation short of a Ph.D.

He has worked with professional theater companies in Pensacola, Las Vegas, Washington D.C., Chicago, Milwaukee, and Boulder, Colorado. In the early 1990s Thom held the position of Managing Artistic Director for Studio 13 in Milwaukee and then later held the same title at D.A.M. Art Theater in Boulder. He return to Fort Wayne to become FPT’s Managing Artistic Director in January of 1997. At FPT, Thom has directed well over 100 plays, acted in a dozen more, as well as adapted works from Mark Twain’s *The Diaries of Adam and Eve*, and Ibsen’s, *Brand*.

Currently, he also teaches various classes in the Communications and Theater departments at IPFW, as well as theater history at Huntington University.

**Dr. Chelsea Vaught** is the Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, a position she has held since September, 2012. She is originally from Henderson, Nebraska and holds an undergraduate degree in music (piano and organ performance and music education) from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, a Master of Music degree in church music with an emphasis in organ performance and carillon from the University of Kansas and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in church music with an emphasis in organ performance from the University of Kansas. Her primary teacher and mentor for her Masters and Doctoral degrees was Michael Bauer, a featured speaker for *Celebration of the Arts*.

**Patty Griest** serves as the volunteer chair of the Visual Arts Committee, responsible for exhibitions, workshops, receptions and other activities connected with the gallery along with responsibility for the church’s permanent art collection. She was asked to serve in this capacity when the gallery first opened in 1968 and with the exception of a leave of absence of a few years has continued to serve through the years. She is a native of Oklahoma and holds BS and MS degrees and worked as a Medical Technologist. She later earned a Master of Education with a major in visual art from USF and attended numerous workshops and conferences including those sponsored by CIVA. Carolyn Krebs currently handles much of the communication and marketing for the gallery. Working with a wide variety of volunteers committed to the importance of art in our spiritual lives has over the years been a most rewarding journey as we have all continued to grow into our roles.
We Honor Our Veterans

2014 Christmas Angel Tree

The 2014 Angel Tree team would like to say thank you to all who generously gave of their time, money, and gifts to make this year’s Angel Tree another huge success. We were able to provide clothing and toys for all of our Angels. We greatly appreciate the remarkable effort that our congregation makes each year to make certain that all of our Angels have Christmas presents.

The Angels, newborn through age 12, came to us from the East Wayne Street Center, Wellspring Social Services, the Amistad Christiana Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Ft. Wayne.

All together we were able to sponsor 152 children this year. These children might not have had any Christmas gifts if it were not for this project, so you can understand just how important this mission is to our church and our community and how thankful the children and their parents are for your support.

Additionally, we would like to thank everyone who gave gifts for understanding why our volunteers sometimes ask what was purchased for the Angels. We receive monetary gifts from those in the congregation who are not able to shop and we use this money to purchase gifts for any Angels who are not selected and for supplemental gifts for those Angels who may not receive all of the items on their wish lists. Since all packages are returned wrapped, it sometimes is necessary to inquire as to the contents since some of our congregation members wrap all of the Angel’s gifts in one package and others wrap each item individually. This is particularly important when we have multiple Angels from the same family selected by different congregation members because we try to give each child in a family a similar amount of packages to unwrap on Christmas morning.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who assisted with the preparation of the angel cards, the selection process and gift returns on Sunday mornings, shopping for those who were not able to do so but who gave generous monetary gifts for the Angels, and everyone who helped deliver the gifts to the agencies.

Please contact Janice Roddy or Beth Marks if you have any questions regarding the annual Angel Tree activities or if you would like to join the 2015 Angel Tree team.

Session Discerning the Nature of Christian Marriage

Last June, at the PC(USA) biennial General Assembly in Detroit, commissioners voted to issue an important Authoritative Interpretation regarding marriage. It gave ministers and Sessions the pastoral discretion to officiate weddings for same-gender couples in states where it is legal. In typical Presbyterian fashion, the decision allowed for freedom of conscience, letting each particular congregation and pastor discern the Spirit's leading. No one in the PC(USA) is required to officiate weddings for same-gender couples. But now no one is prevented from doing so, either.

Here in Indiana, in early September, the ruling came down from the 7th District Court that permits same-sex marriage in our state. When the Supreme Court denied the appeal of the decision on October 6, same-sex marriage became legal in Indiana.

A couple of weeks later, we received a request from a child of the church who expressed interest in being married to his partner. After sharing this with Session at our November meeting, we decided to study the issue together for the next few months. We will be engaged in prayer, along with biblical and theological study, as we discern how God is leading us to respond in this time and place. We would greatly appreciate your prayers and would welcome any feedback the congregation may have as we go about our discernment. Feel free to be in touch with any Elder currently serving on Session.

Faith First: Transforming Lives for Years to Come

Since 1925, the First Presbyterian Church Foundation has worked hand in hand with the Church to provide a high level of financial support to both continuing and new Church programs while assuring adequate funding of the Foundation to enable continued support well into the future. Over this time, due to the generosity of many of our members, the Foundation has grown in size and in the breadth of ministries that it funds. On a continuing basis, the Foundation Board reviews our funding status, the needs of the Church, and our distribution policies to provide assurance that the Foundation will be able to provide continuing support to the Church ministries. For the past year and a half, a Committee under the Foundation Board has been working on understanding and defining Church program needs that would benefit from increased funding levels. We have had numerous discussions, have interviewed a number of Congregation Members, have created a plan regarding which areas of Ministry we should be seeking funding for, and since September have been approaching some members of the Congregation for addition input on the campaign and early commitments to the program. We have been pleased with the response to date.

On the front page of this newsletter, Jeff Lehn has gone into more detail on the four areas of ministry that were selected for attention in this campaign:

(1) Children, Youth and Family Ministries
(2) Pastoral Intern Program.
(3) Mission
(4) Building Maintenance.

These areas of Ministry have been identified as vital to the continued success of our Congregation by a large number of individuals that we have contacted.

We will be gathering to celebrate and kick-off the three-year campaign (2015-2017) at a special luncheon in McKay Hall following the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, February 15. We will be distributing brochures about the Faith First Campaign at the Annual meeting on February 1 so that you will have additional information before that celebration lunch. We hope you can join us as we ask your help to better position the Foundation to support the Church in the future.

–Steve Weissner
Classes will be held in the rooms indicated beginning at 10:00am on Sundays, between the 9:00 and 11:00am Worship Services. Parents: for your convenience, the nursery is open from 9:45am to 12:15pm on Sundays and there are planned activities for children age 4 through grade 5 during the 10:00am hour.

January 11, 18, 25, and February 8 (no class February 1)
THE EPISTLE OF JAMES, Jeff Lehn, Senior Pastor
Session Room
An exploration of a fascinating but often overlooked letter of the New Testament that the Reformer Martin Luther infamously labeled “an epistle of straw.” The five chapters of James are replete with memorable images and practical challenges to its Jewish Christian audience. For example, James reminded them that “faith, without works, is dead” and charged them to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.” Perhaps written by Jesus’ own brother, James, the theological themes of this letter—suffering, inequality, care for the needy, edifying speech, patience, God’s providence and the significance of prayer—are just as relevant today as they were in the first century. Whether James contradicts Paul’s doctrine of justification by faith alone will also be discussed.

March 22, 29, April 12 and 19
CREDO: THIS WE BELIEVE, Jeff Lehn, Senior Pastor
Session Room
The Latin verb “credo” means “I believe.” It’s the way most ancient creeds of our faith begin. Every Sunday in worship we recite an affirmation of faith. It may be ancient or modern, short or long, dense or modest. Presbyterians believe these creeds are critical to our faith. Not because we never doubt them or fully understand them, but because we believe they are essential to worship. God is still speaking, and on occasion we must “re-confess” our faith with new language in the new time and place in which we find ourselves. Our tradition includes The Book of Confessions, made up of eleven theological documents that span nearly twenty centuries. This class will analyze four of them in depth: The Nicene Creed (about 325-381), The Scots Confession (1560), The Barmen Declaration (1934) and A Brief Statement of Faith (1991); also take a peak at The Belhar Confession (1986), a document that the PC(USA) is considering adding as our twelfth confession. Fun, eye-opening and challenging!

May 3, 10 and 17
SPIRITUALITY AND POETRY, Arianne Braithwaite Lehn, Associate Pastor
Session Room
An exploration of the spiritual depth and themes of select poets: Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry (5/3); Christian Wiman (5/10); and other poets (5/17)

February 15, 22, March 1, 8 and 15
WISDOM LITERATURE, Dr. John Noble, Assist. Professor of Bible and Religion, Director of the Center for Non-Western Studies, Huntington University
Room 303
This series will explore the oft forgotten genre of biblical wisdom literature, with readings from Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and some apocryphal works including Sirach and Wisdom of Solomon. One of the major themes to be explored is the existence and applicability of a divine system or retribution.

January 11– May 17
THE BIBLE SPEAKS, Andrea Amstutz, Facilitator
Room 306
Using The Present Word, the class will discuss the following topics: Acts of Worship–In Awe of God, Learning to Pray, and Stewardship for Life, based on scriptures from Hebrews, Psalms, Luke, Matthew, John, James, Daniel and Ephesians (Jan and Feb); and The Spirit Comes–The Pledge of God’s Presence, The Community of Beloved Disciples, and One in the Bond of Love, based on scriptures from John, Acts, Mark, 1 Corinthians, 1 John, 2 John and 3 John (Mar-May).
Book Review
by William Kern

The Divide

Matt Taibbi was born in 1970 in Boston, the son of an NBC reporter. He attended the Concord School there, and later, nearby Bard College, and later still he attended the Saint Petersburg Polytechnical school for a year in Russia, which he apparently then left -under duress. He is sometimes referred to as Hunter S. Thompson's heir.

Back in America, he pursued a variety of journalistic opportunities, including columns for The Nation and Rolling Stone among many others. His first successful book was Griftopia, A Story of Bankers, Politicians and the most audacious Power Grab in American History, which was a New York Times best-seller.

The main idea for this book, The Divide, he says, were three features of American life that had been rolling around in his head for twenty or so years. He summarizes them as follows: Poverty GOES UP. Crime goes down. The prison population doubles.

This book contains so many startling facts that there is no way I could ever mention them all. He begins with the statistical fact that between 1991 and 2010, crime was falling according to FBI records. In 1991, there were 758 violent crimes per 100,000 people. In 2010, that figure had fallen to 425 such crimes per 100,000 people, a 44 percent decrease.

In the same period, our prison population had increased by more than 100 percent. In short, the United States now has the largest prison population of any country anywhere at any time.

In 2013, there were more people in prison or on parole here than there had ever been in Stalin's gulags. Here's another way of thinking about it: there are more black men in prison now than there were slaves at the peak of slavery.

In recent years, there may have been sharp increases in the amount of crimes committed at the highest levels of American commerce, but since 2008, not a single high-ranking major bank official has gone to jail. In that period, JP Morgan-Chase paid $13-billion for a variety of financial crimes, but no member of its official staff has gone to jail. Nor was this phenomena limited to Morgan-Chase. It recurs in cases against the Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup and any other super bank that comes to mind. Cases against these and many other super banks resulted in settlements requiring the banks to pay billions of dollars in fines but no days in jail for anyone.

That, says the author, is how the super rich live. With the other 98.5 per cent of the American public, the consequences of major crimes (and increasingly, even trivial crimes) are treated quite differently. Few Americans live a perfectly crime-free life, but the penalties in public humiliation and jail time for such non-violent offences as getting drunk, using drugs, taking a leak in an alley, shortcutting through someone's yard, falling asleep on a subway car, screaming at a boyfriend or girlfriend, hopping a fence or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk seem monstrously disproportionate in many cases.

Further, crimes which once seemed to be focused mainly on the very poor are now increasingly visited upon middle class folks. Presently, this trend is seen mostly in large eastern cities but the trend seems likely to spread as local police elsewhere become more aware of the possibilities before they become more widely known.

For instance, in New York City it is now settled law that standing on the sidewalk in front of your apartment is a crime whether or not any pedestrians were inconvenienced. This might be while waiting for children to arrive home from school. Or, one might be visiting briefly with fellow neighbors.

The consequences of stop and frisk searches are also somewhat startling. In 2012, the stop and frisk law was exercised 600,000 times in New York City. 140,000 of those arrests were for carrying alcohol in an open container. 80,000 summonses were for disorderly conduct which in many cases were premised solely upon a disrespectful tone in addressing an officer, as alleged by that officer. But the most extraordinary figure was 20,000 summonses for riding a bicycle on a sidewalk. No figures were supplied regarding the number of children who were killed while lawfully riding their bicycles in the streets alongside automobiles.

This jump of around 600,000 summonses per year, mainly on activities not theretofore criminalized could hardly be overlooked at a time when old-line felonies were steadily decreasing by more than forty percent a year. Two factors contributed to this anomaly.

First, without the creation of new crimes the police were having trouble meeting their required quotas of arrests. Also, their prospects for promotion, partially dependent on the number of arrests made, were being drastically reduced.

Secondly, this drastic modification of arrests policy was sorely felt in the poorer sections of town but was hardly noticed in the more affluent areas. You could live a long time on the upper East Side of New York City and wear presentable clothing to work without becoming in any degree aware of the new policy, the author says. The same thing would probably be true of any of your college educated friends.

One thing that puzzled the author in his visits to courthouses around the country was the relatively low percentage of criminal cases that went to trial. They were mostly disposed of on pleas of guilty and usually required the defendants to be on probation for periods longer than they would have spent in jail or prison after being found guilty in a trial. This initially appears to be an element of leniency. But the fact is that a lot of defendants fail to comply with one or more of the terms of their probation, in which event the courts may impose the prison term that would have been imposed had there been no guilty plea but without credit for time spend on probation. Thus, this element of apparent leniency often results in the defendant spending more time in jail than would have been required if he had not entered a guilty plea.

There is another thing about criminal administration that seemed to bother me more than the author. That is the almost unbelievable disrespect to which so many citizens who are under arrest or are about to be placed under arrest are subjected, including the use of very vile language.

There are long passages in this book concerning the technical details of some of the cases against major financial institutions.

I will frankly state that I had trouble understanding some of these cases, notwithstanding the fact that, in the remote past, I was a staff attorney with the Securities & Exchange Commission.
Statistics

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Parish Life Update for October & November 2014

October & November Worship Attendance:

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51 first time visitors, 108 resident visitors, 28 non-resident visitors

October and November Member Deaths

- Phyllis G, (Hubartt) Glenn - October 12
- Marjorie L. (Rankin) Perry - November 9
- Mary Isabel (Griffin) Rogers - November 16
- Phyllis (Geller) Schmidt - November 19

October & November Baptisms

- Kelsi Vivian Tribble, daughter of Carl & Nichole Tribble, November 30

October & November New Members Received

- Margy Rose Carter
- Dr. Edward Ronald Pierce
- Dr. Patricia Margaret Pierce
- Dr. Sherrie Steiner

October & November Members Restored

- Brenda Stoneburner
- P. Larry Stoneburner
- Janice Allen

Summary of Active Membership

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Further Detail for Oct.-Nov. 2014

Of the 3,171 sessions - 1,641 were from Fort Wayne and Allen County, followed by Indianapolis (139), Chicago (58), Auburn (34) and Bowling Green, Kentucky (31). Other session originations include Brazil (55), Philippines (25), Canada (15), and Germany (15).

Website Viewing Activity and Comparison

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Facebook Activity, October-November

Total Reach-146

The number of people who were served any activity from your Page including posts, posts by other people, Page like ads, mentions and check ins.

Post Reach-95

The number of people your post was served to

Total Page Likes- 209

First Pres participated in the “Night of Lights”, sponsored by the Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement district and introduced the first “Ringing of the Bells”. This event involved the cooperative participation of 10 downtown churches.
### January

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<td><strong>HAPPY NEW YEAR</strong></td>
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<td>10:00am Table Talk I <em>(W weekly)</em></td>
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<td>6:00pm First Hope <em>(2nd Sundays)</em></td>
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<td><strong>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY</strong>, Day School closed</td>
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**February 27 through March 1:** Religious Arts Festival, see pages 10 & 11

*See pages 8 & 9 for detailed Music, Gallery & Theater information. Please consult your weekly bulletins or check on line at www.firstpres-fw.org for a more detailed list of calendar events and committee meetings.*