



# FIRST LOOK

April 2024

Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton

## Easter Sunday at First Pres was amazing!



## NEW: First Annual Mission Fest!

Sunday, April 21

Please join us as we celebrate God's work in our local community and across the globe. During Mission Fest 2024, we will welcome several of our local mission partners and involve them in both Sunday services. Between services, we will hold a reception for our mission partners, encouraging church members and friends to get involved in serving with them.

### Guest Preacher: Kent Annan – Sunday, April 21

On Mission Fest Sunday, we will welcome Kent Annan, Director of Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership at Wheaton College Graduate School. Kent is on the board of directors of Equitas Group, a philanthropic foundation focused on ending child exploitation in Haiti and Southeast Asia. He co-founded Haiti Partners and is a senior consultant for Development Associates International, which trains Christian leaders around the world.



## Beautiful Music in March

Thank you to the Wheaton College Gospel Choir, under the direction of Tanya Egler, for providing special music for us during the March 17 services.



# Mission Fest 2024



## Men's Spring Breakfast

Thursday, April 25

7:00-8:00 a.m. in Stewart Hall

All members and friends of First Pres Wheaton are welcome to join us for the Men's Spring Breakfast. Make plans to be a part of this morning of fellowship and hear a message planned especially for the men of our church and community. The breakfast is FREE, but please RSVP at [firstpreswheaton.org/MensBreakfast](http://firstpreswheaton.org/MensBreakfast) by Tuesday, April 23, or contact the church office by [email](mailto:email) or phone. All are welcome! Bring a friend.



## Abraham's Children Event

The Gaza War and Its Impact on the Holy Land

Saturday, May 4

Full Breakfast at 8:30 a.m / Program at 9:15 a.m.

Held at First Pres Wheaton

Get first-hand information from a Presbyterian Ruling Elder who just returned from the region. Beyond Gaza, other areas are also affected. Proceeds from this event will go to Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Galilee. Email [abrahamschildren.presby@gmail.com](mailto:abrahamschildren.presby@gmail.com) for more information.

# Women's Ministry



*First Pres Women shared a Culinary Experience on March 6 at Marcel's in Glen Ellyn, where they made and enjoyed a delicious meal together.*



# Student Ministry Update



In March, Genesis did a mini-series about Easter. Conversations surrounding the cross and the resurrection were meaningful and transformative. Genesis students ended the month by being in service with their families to communally observe Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



High School  
Ministry

WF started a requested series on *How to Hear God*. This series helped the students and leaders to dive into our expectations of how God speaks and how to discern His voice better.

Students going on the Guatemala mission trip had a busy month with fundraising, including the annual Pancake Brunch. Students also had their first mission trip team meeting, where we got the chance to virtually meet the family we will be serving.



## Patrick's & Pancakes

PANCAKE BRUNCH &  
WF MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**The batter was flowing at the WF Patrick's & Pancakes Fundraiser Brunch on March 17! Thank you to all who came to enjoy a fun meal together, while supporting the upcoming Summer WF Guatemala Mission Trip.**

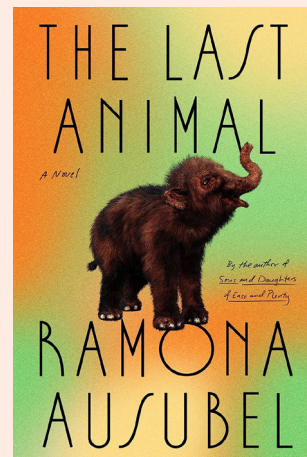


– Hannah Curry  
Director of Student Ministry

## Book Club

**NEW DATE:** Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
***The Last Animal* by Ramona Ausubel**

Teenage sisters, Eve and Vera, never imagined their summer vacation would be spent in the Arctic, tagging along on their mother's scientific expedition. There's a lot about their lives lately that hasn't been going as planned and their single mother isn't so happy either. Fooling around in the permafrost, they accidentally discover a perfectly preserved, four-thousand-year-old baby mammoth, and things finally start to get interesting. The discovery sets off a surprising chain of events, leading mother and daughters to go rogue, ping-ponging from the slopes of Siberia to the shores of Iceland, to an exotic animal farm in Italy, and resulting in the birth of a creature that could change the world—or at least this family. Join your FPC book club via Zoom for a great discussion with good friends. Contact Mary Kinsey at [marykinsey79@gmail.com](mailto:marykinsey79@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



**See the online calendar**  
for up-to-date listings of church events and meetings.

[firstpreswheaton.org/calendar](http://firstpreswheaton.org/calendar)

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday – 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You can give to the ministry of First Pres quickly and easily by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera app.



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