



First  
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Church



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October 4, 2024

## This Sunday at First Pres



Our new pastor is HERE! Rev. Mary Beth "MB" McCandless has arrived and is getting settled in the pastor's study and her new home. October 6 is World Communion Sunday and her focus is "The #mpossible Promise of Welcome." Let's welcome her with our presence this Sunday.

If you cannot attend in-person at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m., join us online: livestream links and bulletins are available on First Pres [website](#).

## First Friday Tonight!!!!

Tonight, we welcome the duo of Robert Cart and Starla Raley to the historic First Pres sanctuary for our October First Friday concert. At 7:00 p.m., they will share a program of flute and piano works that are sure to get your weekend off to a great start. Bring a friend and start your weekend downtown at First Pres!



## Candy Wanted!



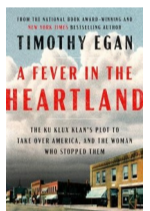
Our First Light Youth Group needs bags of candy to give out on Halloween to the church's neighbor children. You can put your donations of candy (gluten- and sugar- free, too!) in a collection box in the foyer from Sunday October 6 through the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you're not a shopper, donations are most welcome; make your check to First pres and put "Candy" in the memo.

First Light Youth will then assemble small bags during their regular meeting on October 20 and hand them out in front of the church on Halloween Night. If you would like to share your time to this outreach project, be in touch with [Carrie Aiken](#).

## Calling All Readers...

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, October 7, 6:30-8:00. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

The Group will discuss *Fever in the Heartland*, a historical account of the early twentieth century expansion of the Ku Klux Klan in the North, beginning in Evansville and the state of Indiana. Also the story of Madge Oberholtzer who, after rape and torture by Indiana's KKK Grand Dragon, provided testimony that led to the conviction of her abuser.



On November 4, our book will be *Norwegian by Night*, a thriller in which an elderly man breaks out of the position society expects him to hold and goes on one last adventure.

## Have you registered to vote?

Monday, October 7 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming election. (Pastor MB has already registered to vote in Indiana.)



Democracy is more than simply a point of pride for Presbyterians in the United States. It is part of our heritage. Democratic government begins in personal responsibility - to share in making the rules under which we live in society - and it includes rules and civic practices designed to ensure "liberty and justice for all." Each of us has an affirmative political vocation that comes with citizenship in our system of self-government.  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/lift-every-voice-democracy-voting-rights-and-elect/>

Key Indiana deadlines for the November 2024 election:

Registration deadlines:

- In-person at local election office: Oct 7 close of business
- Online: Oct 7
- By mail (postmarked by): Oct 7

Absentee ballot deadlines

- Return ballot by mail (received by): Nov 5 close of polls
- Return ballot in person: Nov 5 close of polls

Voting deadlines

- Early voting (in-person absentee voting): Oct 8 - Nov 4
- In-person: Nov 5

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2024-Calendar-Brochure.pdf>

## Gratitude

Dear Friends,

I wanted to say thank you for all the warm wishes and gifts. I so appreciate each word written, each gift given, and the memories of the love you expressed to me at the reception. I will carry you all in my heart as I move forward.

I rejoice over where you are now verses where you were when I arrived. We have all grown and changed and the time is right for me to move on. While I don't know yet where I'll end up, I am excited and hopeful for the next church, the next challenge, the next joy, the new friends that await. And I look forward to hearing good things that are happening with you. I know that God has wonderful things in store for you in this next stage of the church's life. Wishing you all the best and holding you in my heart with thanksgiving.

Blessings,  
Pastor Anna



## Daily Readings



Sunday, October 6	<a href="#">2 Kings 20:1-21</a>
Monday, October 7	<a href="#">2 Kings 21:1-18</a>
Tuesday, October 8	<a href="#">2 Kings 22:1-13</a>
Wednesday, October 9	<a href="#">2 Kings 22:14-23:3</a>
Thursday, October 10	<a href="#">2 Kings 23:4-25</a>
Friday, October 11	<a href="#">Jeremiah 23:36-24:17</a>
Saturday, October 12	<a href="#">Jeremiah 35:1-19</a>

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