



First  
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## This -and next- Sunday

We are still being Surprised by the Unexpected Acts of God!

This Sunday, May 25, Paul experiences an *Amazing Detour* to Lydia and her household where we will see God's surprise! The power of conversion is still God's building block to change the world one person at a time.

On Sunday, June 1, we'll learn of an *Ironic Escape* when we read about what happens with Paul and Silas in prison. Sometimes those who seem free are truly enslaved, and those who seem to be in chains are truly liberated.



Be sure to save this Connect so that you will have the links for both Sundays!

Join us Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

## Bible Bunch on Holiday!

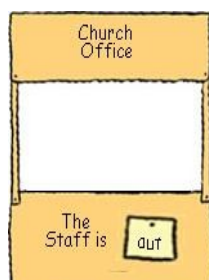


Hello, Bible Bunch Friends! Just a reminder...**Bible Bunch will NOT meet this Sunday, May 25.** But do return on June 1 to begin a new Quarter of lessons. Happy Weekend, Jean

## Office Closed Next Week

The church office will be closed the week of Memorial Day (May 26-30), while Office Administrator Lora Blaylock is on vacation. Rev. McCandless and Rev. Van Camp will be in and out of the office working throughout the week, and you can reach them via email, text, or phone:

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The church office will return to regular hours of Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2.

## Block by Block



Are you looking for a different way to make a difference? How about making a neighborhood a little cleaner? As a member congregation of the Mayor's Interfaith Council, First Pres is invited to help participate in the Mayor's Block-By-Block effort! On Saturday, May 31, the group will clean up in the Tepe Park neighborhood from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You can sign up ahead of time at [evansville.in.gov/block](http://evansville.in.gov/block) (it will help them prepare and streamline check-in; use Mayor's Interfaith Council as the 'company name') or just show up!

## Justice and Peacemaking

Do you have an interest in being a part of First Pres' **Justice and Peacemaking Team**? Please email [firstpres@fpcevv.com](mailto:firstpres@fpcevv.com) and put "Justice" in the subject line. In the body of the email please include your preferred contact information (email and mobile number) along with your preferred meeting days, times, and ways to meet (for example, Mondays or Tuesdays, after 5:30 p.m., in person or on Zoom.) Want to know more? Send us your email and we'll loop you into the conversation about the ways First Pres is engaging issues of justice and peacemaking in our community, state, nation, and world.



## June's Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, June 9, 6:30-8:00. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in. In June, the group will

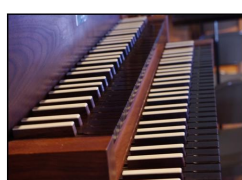


discuss two short novellas by Claire Keegan. Both set in Ireland, *Foster* is the first-person story of twelve-year-old girl sent to live with foster parents for a season, and in the award-winning *Small Things Like These* a middle-aged man slowly grasps the enormity of the local convent's heartless treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies.

On July 14, the group will discuss *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe. It is a true story of memory and murder in the time of Northern Ireland's Troubles.

## First Friday

On Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m., we welcome Theresa Bauer, Organist at the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery and St. Paul's Episcopal Church to the Fisk Organ bench this Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends downtown to start the weekend at First Fridays at First Pres!



## First Light First Sunday - June 1!

Our Middle and High School youth group, First Light, will meet on first Sundays of the month this summer! On Sunday, June 1, the group will meet at the church from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to talk about Resistance and Pride. What

is resistance from the perspective of a follower of Jesus who also happens to be a citizen of the United States? How might marching in the Pride Parade be an act of faith and an act of resistance? We'll make some posters for the Pride Parade and will end the evening with an ice cream sundae bar (ice cream provided, bring your favorite toppings.) Come whether you plan to participate in the parade or not!



## Feeding Mission Resumes

Our Feeding Mission group is back in the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the second Monday of the month at UCS (June 9 is the next date!) to prepare, serve, and clean up lunch for our neighbors in need. If lunchtime doesn't work for you, how about bringing dessert? Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen the (Sun) day before - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail (812-550-2328; [griecken77@aol.com](mailto:griecken77@aol.com)).



## Prayer Requests

- for one who is anxious about an upcoming colonoscopy;
- for families who are traveling;
- for a family seeking to break generational patterns;
- for Gerald, as he recovers from surgery and hopes to be home soon;
- for Tom and Susanne: continued prayers for health and wellbeing;
- for the families of those who died in Friday's tornadoes and severe weather;
- for a family and their dog Vienna, who has a mysterious illness;
- for people battling anxiety;
- for one diagnosed with cancer;
- for all those dealing with loss of every sort from Friday's storms;
- that all may receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- for a family whose son underwent surgery on Monday;
- for families impacted by substance abuse;
- for those who mourn;
- in gratitude for an upcoming period of rest;
- for students and teachers as they move through the final days of the school year.



## Daily Readings

Sunday, May 25	<a href="#">Leviticus 25:1-17</a>
Monday, May 26	<a href="#">Leviticus 25:35-55</a>
Tuesday, May 27	<a href="#">Leviticus 26:1-29</a>
Wednesday, May 28	<a href="#">Leviticus 26:27-42</a>
Thursday, May 29	<a href="#">Daniel 7:9-14</a>
Friday, May 30	<a href="#">1 Samuel 2:1-10</a>
Saturday, May 31	<a href="#">Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29</a>
Sunday, June 1	<a href="#">Exodus 3:1-12</a>
Monday, June 2	<a href="#">Joshua 1:1-9</a>
Tuesday, June 3	<a href="#">1 Samuel 16:1-13a</a>
Wednesday, June 4	<a href="#">Isaiah 4:2-6</a>
Thursday, June 5	<a href="#">Zechariah 4:1-14</a>
Friday, June 6	<a href="#">Jeremiah 31:27-34</a>
Saturday, June 7	<a href="#">Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20</a>



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