



First
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Church



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June 6, 2025

This Sunday

This week, as we complete this series of sermons on the surprises in the book of Acts, arrive at *Pentecost: The Ultimate Surprise Party!* Why are we surprised when God shows up and reverses circumstances? Being astonished again and again by God's intervention is a bit like having friends who throw you a surprise party year after year on your birthday, but yet you are still thrown off guard in true shock when you open the door and the lights all come on to the tune of "Surprise!"

All of the surprising, amazing, unexpected events that happened throughout Acts – the stories we've read since Easter – would never have happened without the day of Pentecost, the day the church was born. Every Pentecost since has been a celebration of the church's birthday, the day we remember with awe how the Holy Spirit took a ragtag band of followers (not just the disciples - that includes us!) and made us into something powerful for God's kingdom. May God continue to surprise the world and us!



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

First Friday - Tonight!



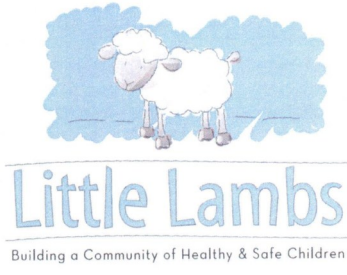
Tonight - Friday, June 6 - we welcome Theresa Bauer, Organist at the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery and St. Paul's Episcopal Church to the Fisk Organ bench at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends downtown to start the weekend at First Fridays at First Pres!

Feeding Mission - This Monday

Our Feeding Mission group is back in the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the second Monday of the month at UCS (this Monday, 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; griecten77@aol.com).



Celebrate Fathers!



Celebrate fathers by helping Little Lambs! Located in the education wing, Little Lambs has been helping families for over 25 years with baby needs. Bring diapers and wipes (store brands are great, especially sizes 3 -7) to church on Sunday, June 15 - there will be a box in the lobby for them. Not a shopper? Monetary donations are welcome, too: make your check to "Little Lambs" and put it in the offering plate or send to the church office, or give [ONLINE](#). Thank You!

Come Help Young & Established!

First Pres is exploring opportunities to help with food insecurity among school age children this summer. This is due in part to the state of Indiana's decision to opt out of a federal program providing food assistance to children during summertime months: <https://www.wlwt.com/article/indiana-to-opt-out-of-sun-bucks-program/64737994>

One local organization making a difference for young people in Evansville is [Young & Established](#), whose director has invited First Pres to volunteer next Wednesday, June 11 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at their location at 1308 Vann Ave, Evansville, IN 47714 to learn more about what they do. Tracy Shaw and Pastor MB will be there Wednesday and hope others will join us. Please email firstpres@fpcevv.com to let us know you are coming; put Y&E in the subject line. The primary work each Wednesday is putting together food boxes from the donations of the week and handing those out. Young & Established has many other opportunities for volunteers - check out their website.



Justice and Peacemaking



Do you have an interest in being a part of First Pres' **Justice and Peacemaking Team**? Please email 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.

Where in the World is Rev. MB?

MB is headed out for two weeks of study leave (June 15-June 28) and some vacation time (June 29-July 3). She'll be at Montreat for both weeks of the **Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference** (our First Pres folks will be there for the second week.) Then she'll use some vacation time with her mom in Kentucky on her way back to Evansville. MB will be available by email, text or voicemail while she is away but may not be able to respond as quickly as she usually does when she's working in town. Feel free to contact her or to reach out to the office at church if you have a pastoral care need while she is away, so you can be connected with Jerusha or another minister in town if needed while she is away. mb@fpcevv.com or 812-872-4882 (text or voice).



Please pray for our preachers of the day for the upcoming Sundays:

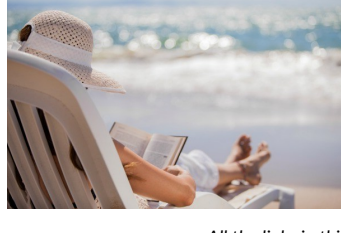
June 15 Rev. Jerusha Van Camp
June 22 Deacon Scott Wylie
June 29 Elder Steve Wylie

Prayer Requests

- for Tom and Susanne;
- for hungry and homeless peoples;
- for John Freeman;
- for those traveling;
- for graduates;
- for one having a difficult recovery after surgery;
- in gratitude for and celebration of the marriage of Abigail and Nic;
- for one concerned for their friends;
- for one who nearly lost their daughter;
- for Rabbi Gary, TABI, and all our Jewish siblings in the wake of antisemitic violence;
- in remembrance of the 65 soldiers that did not return to Evansville from Vietnam;
- for one suddenly widowed;
- for one seeking to do the right thing;
- for Jody and his family, as he battles cancer;
- for Jim, dealing with several health issues;
- for peace and acceptance as family members face challenging circumstances, and for family and friends to accept their free will while continuing to love and support them;
- in gratitude for love and support while healing;
- for family members and students involved in summer programs to know that God loves them;
- in gratitude for time away to rest.



Daily Readings



Sunday, June 8
Monday, June 9
Tuesday, June 10
Wednesday, June 11
Thursday, June 12
Friday, June 13
Saturday, June 14

[Deuteronomy 16:9-12](#)
[Ecclesiastes 7:1-14](#)
[Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:10](#)
[Ecclesiastes 9:11-18](#)
[Ecclesiastes 11:1-8](#)
[Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14](#)
[Numbers 3:1-13](#)

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