



First Presbyterian Church



Connect

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This Sunday



We've just begun our summer sermon series and book study based on *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz. (See below for more information on the book study.) Our scripture for this week is from Luke 14, where, on the way to have a meal at the leader of the Pharisees' house, Jesus cures a man with edema. The topic is *The Problem with Religion*. Certainly many of us could come up with lists of answers...let's see where the Spirit leads!

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

Yoga and Yummies!

Presbyterian Women invite all for Yoga and Yummies tomorrow: Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities are welcome (children should be able to focus on directions and must be accompanied by an adult) for an hour-long beginner Yoga class led by certified instructor Delanie Davis. The class is suited to chair yoga as well as mat/floor. A small number of yoga mats will be available, but you're invited to use your own device as well. A healthy lunch of salad, fruit, and other treats will be enjoyed following the class. There's no cost to attend (although a tip jar for Ms. Davis will be available); your [RSVP](#) is helpful (please include if you need to borrow a mat!).



Feeding Mission

Our Feeding Mission group is back in the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the second Monday of the month at UCS (this Monday, July 14 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).



Mindfulness and Christianity

The *Be Still: Mindfulness and Christianity* study groups are looking at the benefits of mindfulness practice through the lens of Christianity. This group will explore what mindfulness is (and isn't), what different religious traditions, including Christianity, have to say about it, and how incorporating mindfulness practice into daily life can deepen our spiritual lives with a mix of discussion and learning as well as "hands-on" practice.

This is a four-session in-person experience, with two sessions in July and two in August. One group will meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and another on Fridays at noon.

| | Friday Group | Sunday Group |
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| Session 1 | July 11, noon | July 13, 9:30 a.m. |
| Session 2 | July 18, noon | July 20, 9:30 a.m. |
| Session 3 | August 15, noon | August 17, 9:30 a.m. |
| Session 4 | August 22, noon | August 24, 9:30 a.m. |



A Bigger Table

Join Rev. MB McCandless and Rev. Jerusha Van Camp for a summer sermon series and book study based on John Pavlovitz's 2017 book *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*. Each week begins with the Sunday morning sermon and then continues with groups that dig into the book both in person and online on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through mid-August. The weekly schedule of topics is below; click on the weekday of your choice for the online link. You are encouraged to read the book on your own if you can't do a weekly group.

Books are available in the church office for \$11. A Kindle version is available for purchase from your favorite retailer, and you can borrow an e-copy from the Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library through the *hoopla* app ([email Jake Kohlmeier](#) if you need assistance with hoopla).



| Week | Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Tues. 10:00 a.m. | Weds. Noon | Weds. 7:00 p.m. | Thurs. 10:00 a.m. |
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| 2 - 7/13 | THE PROBLEM WITH RELIGION Luke 14:1-6 - Chapters 3-5 | | | | |
| 3 - 7/20 | INVITATION TO THE TABLE Luke 14:7-11 - Chapters 6-8 | | | | |
| 4 - 7/27 | REAL COMMUNITY *Luke 14:12-24 - Chapters 9-10 | | | | |
| 5 - 8/3 | BEYOND THEOLOGY Luke 14:25-33- Chapters 11-13 | | | | |
| 6 - 8/10 | STANDING ON THE EDGE Luke 15:1-2 - Chapters 14-16 | | | | |
| 7 - 8/17 | FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR Luke 15:3-32 - Chapters 17-18 and Afterword | | | | |
| *Worship and the Sermon on July 27 will be in conjunction with RSCM Midwest Watch for information about a vlog that week! | | | | | |

Grant Writer Wanted!



Do you have firsthand experience with grant writing? Pastor MB is pulling together a team to work on several grants that First Pres will apply for in the next few months. Your experience could make a tangible difference in the way First Pres funds ministry and mission. Email Pastor MB (mb@fpcevv.com) if you are interested and/or need more information.

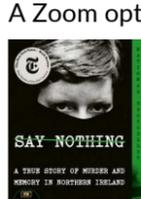
Fellowship!

Do you like a cup of coffee or tea and a little nibble while chatting with friends? Us, too! We have a number of wonderful folks who prepare, provide, and clean up after our Sunday fellowship times, and they'd love to have you help, too! Sign up on the sheet in the Parlor near the snacks to bring treats (homemade or purchased at 8:30 or 10:30 worship). And if you'd like to help get the coffee going in the morning or clean up after fellowship time, please email Sue Schriber (sschriber0826@gmail.com).



July's Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, July 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.



July's book is *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe. The author is an American Writer and investigative journalist, and his book is eminently readable. According to Maureen Corrigan of NPR, it "captures the complexities of a historical moment by digging deep into the lives of people on all sides of [Northern Ireland's Troubles]."

Prayer Requests

- for those touched by the flooding in central TX and North Carolina;
- for one feeling under the weather;
- for the newly blended Grammore family, may they continue to grow and build on the love they have for one another;
- for "J" to find a safe place to live;
- for the results of a skin cancer biopsy to be benign;
- for family whoa are traveling;
- for those who experience chronic pain;
- for Gina, Peter, and William, as they travel to Washington DC for choir camp;
- in gratitude for the marriage of Mack (Chris) and Ellen;
- for the families and communities of those missing after the flash flood in TX;
- in gratitude for improvement and an understanding spouse.



Daily Readings



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| Sunday, July 13 | Joshua 1:1-18 |
| Monday, July 14 | Joshua 2:1-14 |
| Tuesday, July 15 | Joshua 2:15-24 |
| Wednesday, July 16 | Joshua 3:1-13 |
| Thursday, July 17 | Joshua 3:14-4:7 |
| Friday, July 18 | Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15 |
| Saturday, July 19 | Joshua 6:1-14 |

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