



news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN August 8, 2025

This Sunday



inspired by the book, A Bigger Table. Rev. Jerusha will preach from Luke 15:1-2 about what it means to stand on the edge of what is comfortable as God calls us to be the very loving presence of Jesus in the world. Join us Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the

Sunday, August 7, we continue our sermon series

IMAGINING the FUTURE

### Rev. MB will facilitate a number of IMAGINING the FUTURE Sessions in our historic sanctuary to talk about the dreams we imagine for the space as we develop plans to

restore and renovate the sanctuary with a view toward ministry through the next century. Taking the long view (like our First Pres ancestors did 200 years ago) means that we are not considering this work for our own benefit! We are imagining a future for this congregation and this building that will serve this congregation and this community far beyond ourselves! Of course there are some things that we absolutely must do, some things we will soon need to do, and some things that we hope to do. It's possible that this work will need to be

email <a href="mailto:futurehope@fpcevv.com">fpcevv.com</a>, Subject: Sanctuary with your thoughts. August Imagining the Future Sessions: Thursday, August 14 - Noon • Thursday, August 14 - 7:00 p.m.

done in phases. Your voices and ideas are important! Try to come to one of these sessions (see below) or if you cannot,

- Monday, August 18 Noon
- Sunday, August 17 11:30 a.m. (immediately following worship)

Saturday, August 16 - 10:00 a.m.

- **Feeding Mission** 
  - Our Feeding Mission group continues serving lunch on the second

# 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 Riecken (812-550-2328; griecken 77@aol.com). August's Book Group Selection Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, July 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105.

Monday of the month at UCS (August 11 is the next date!) for our

## story of small spaces, small pleasures, and friendships coming into bloom, two feuding neighbors in London unite to resurrect a neglected city garden.

Session 3

Session 4

**Mindfulness and Christianity** 

Friday Group

August 15, noon

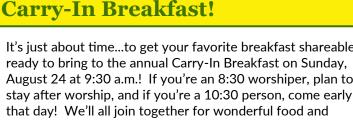
August 22, noon

\*New date due to Carry-in Breakfast (August 24)!

Groups discussing Mindfulness and Christianity with First Pres' own Dr. Emma Nicholls resume for two more sessions this month. This study group looks at what mindfulness is and isn't, what different religious traditions have to say about it, as well as how to incorporate a mindfulness practice in your daily life.

A Zoom option is available; contact <u>Francie Hubbard</u> to learn how to sign in.

August's book is The Twilight Garden by Sara Nisha Adams. In this life-affirming



Come and Sing!

It's just about time...to get your favorite breakfast shareable ready to bring to the annual Carry-In Breakfast on Sunday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m.! If you're an 8:30 worshiper, plan to

Have you ever thought, 'Gee, I'd love to sing in the choir'? Well, your nostrings-attached chance is here: Gathering Choir will meet on Sunday, August 24. Join Robert and some of the regular choir members in the balcony at 10:10 a.m. (after you've enjoyed some carry-in breakfast fun) for a brief rehearsal of some simple music to be shared in 10:30 worship that morning.

BRIDGE (Building Respect & Integrity in Diverse Greater Evansville) is hosting an event, Know Your Neighbors: Immigration 101, to learn how immigration works in the US, how recent changes are impacting people in our community, and why it matters. The speakers will debunk myths, real stories will be shared, and together we will build a

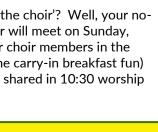
more informed community. For more information, see the Facebook event page.

flooding in Texas, or want to give an extra gift to benefit all that PDA does, you can write a check (or give online; designate Special Offerings) to First Pres (memo: PDA or

First Pres, through the congregation's generosity and the Mission Committee's direction, routinely sends financial support to

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, with our annual gift (\$6,000 this year) mailed last week! If you are looking for a way to help with the

fellowship in the middle of a First Pres morning.



Sunday Group

August 10, 9:30 a.m.\*

August 17, 9:30 a.m.

# Disaster Assistance

Know Your Neighbors



Sharing Time/Helping Hands Are you looking for ways to share your time and/or helping hands with the church? Opportunities are all around! Information and

for our worship? There's a form on First Web for that and more!

fellowship? Contact the church office to let us know, and thanks!

How about helping on Sundays as an usher or setting up

Texas), and we'll forward it to them. Thank you for making a difference!

<mark>A Bigger Table</mark> 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,

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.

Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community. Each week begins with the Sunday

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

Sunday Worship Tues. Weds. Weds. Week 8:30 & 10:30 10:00 a.m. <u>Noon</u> 7:00 p.m. a.m. STANDING ON THE EDGE 6 - 8/10 Luke 15:1-2 - Chapters 14-16

(email Jake Kohlmeyer if you need assistance with hoopla).



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 for Brian, as he recovers from rotator cuff surgery; for Becky's father, recovering from receiving a pacemaker, and for Becky and Lynne, as they travel to be with him; in gratitude for the beautiful weather;

in gratitude for a fun and uplifting time at Presbyterian Youth Triennium;

**Daily Readings** 

Judges 12:1-7 Judges 13:1-15 Judges 13:15-24

Judges 16:1-14 All the links in this article direct you to <u>biblegateway.com</u>, which is not affiliated with First Pres Evansville.

FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR

Luke 15:3-32 - Chapters 17-18 and Afterword

Sunday, August 10 Monday, August 11 Tuesday, August 12 Wednesday, August 13 Thursday, August 14 Friday, August 15 Saturday, August 16

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**Prayer Requests** 

Judges 11:1-11, 29-40 <u>Judges 14:1-19</u> Judges 14:20-15:20

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