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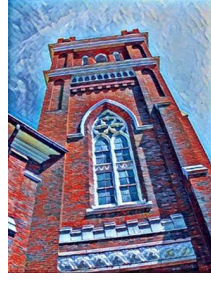


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September 12, 2025

This Sunday

This Sunday, our Scripture lessons from Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51, and 1 Timothy 1:12-17 provide guidance as we wrestle with what God asks of us in these challenging times. Join us this Sunday as we consider how we can live into greater depths of trust and faith in God, and embrace the aliveness God has for us all.

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



LGBTQ Group Gathering - Tonight!



All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to meet the Van Camps' at their home (259 Washington Ave.) tonight,, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a good meal and the company of friends. The LGBTQ group will meet every six weeks for a Friday night dinner/activity, and/or a Sunday lunch. It is our hope that gathering together will spark fun and a deeper sense of community and support for one another. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com).

S'mores and Evening Prayer - Sunday Night

August's S'mores and Compline was so popular - we're making it a regular event for a while! Join Rev. Jerusha around the fire pit in the courtyard this Sunday, September 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. Make a s'more, and at 7:00, enjoy a brief service of Evening Prayer (compline). Bring a lawn chair and a friend!



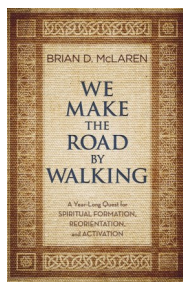
Lunch and Learn - Monday



The Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women invite you to Lunch and Learn with them on Monday, September 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dave Doehnert from the National Response team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will talk about his recent experiences with PDA, including responding to the flooding throughout Western North Carolina Presbytery after Hurricane Helene in 2024. Bring your lunch (drinks provided) to fellowship hall, learn a little, and enjoy some fellowship this Monday.

We Make the Road

Join Rev. Jerusha in a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation by participating in weekly conversation groups based around Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. Hybrid (in-person + online) groups meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Zoom links are on the church website). Books (\$11) are available in the church office (and on Kindle and Hoopla), and you can drop in/out as your schedule allows.



Disaster Bucket Supplies

First Pres' Presbyterian Women group, in partnership with the Mission Committee, will assemble Disaster Buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m., with pizza for lunch once all the work is completed! There are many ways you can participate: buying requested items (*PW has already procured the buckets*) and bringing them to the church, helping assemble the buckets, and/or donating funds to ship the buckets to PDA.

The items needed are (*please purchase new items as described*):



- ✓ scouring pads (not stainless steel nor soap pads)
- ✓ sponges (small and large)
- ✓ scrub brushes
- ✓ lightweight, multipurpose cleaning towels (not paper)
- ✓ 16 to 34 oz bottles of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- ✓ 12 to 40 oz bottles of liquid concentrate (type that can be mixed with water) household cleaner (no spray bottles)
- ✓ 50 to 100 foot clotheslines (cotton or plastic)
- ✓ N95 dust masks
- ✓ Heavy-duty/multi-use dishwashing gloves (latex-free preferred)
- ✓ 30 to 45 gallon heavy duty/contractor-type trash bags
- ✓ Heavy-duty reusable work gloves (leather, cotton w/leather palm, or nitrile OK)

Sacred Conversations

September begins a five-week focus on a *Season of Peace* which culminates with World Communion Sunday (October 5). There will be a number of opportunities to gather and hold space in person for **Sacred Conversations - Recenter, Connect, Reflect - About Life in Today's World**. We'll talk about things that trouble us (and hopefully, things that energize us.) There are one or two opportunities each week at varying times.

Join Pastor MB:

- Tuesday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 17, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 22, Noon
- Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 2, Noon



Blessing of the Animals!



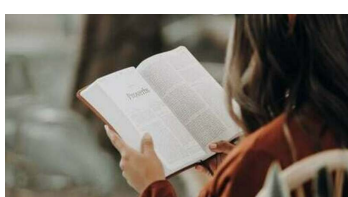
Bring your well-behaved furry, fuzzy, scaly, and feathered friends to church on Sunday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship, and 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship for the annual Blessing of the Animals! Giving thanks for the blessing of creation, we offer a special blessing over the animal companions that bring us so much joy!

Prayer Requests

- for Marilyn and Morgan Kunkle and their family, following David's death;
- for one whose housing situation is tenuous;
- for the people of Chicago;
- for all those touched by the shooting in Evansville last week - especially the teen that was shot and his friend who accidentally shot him;
- in thanksgiving that the student injured in an ATV accident is home and was able to visit football practice last week;
- for wisdom for all people;
- for those who have parts of themselves they fear they cannot share;
- for those struggling with self-identity and self-worth;
- for those dealing with grief as one chapter of life closes and another opens;
- for Julie, as she recovers following back surgery;
- for the youth of Evansville, as it pertains to gun violence;
- for Heather and her husband, as they hope for a 'little miracle' before turning to IVF;
- for Jennifer, dealing with tumors caused by MS, along with other medical issues;
- for our nation's addiction to violence in all forms;
- for one back in recovery, seeking strength and calm;
- for those seeking meaningful employment;
- for those receiving treatment for cancer and other illnesses;
- in gratitude for beautiful weather!



Daily Readings



Sunday, September 14
Monday, September 15
Tuesday, September 16
Wednesday, September 17
Thursday, September 18
Friday, September 19
Saturday, September 20

[Job 38:1, 18-41](#)
[Job 40:1-24](#)
[Job 40:1, 41:1-11](#)
[Job 42:1-17](#)
[Job 28:1-28](#)
[Esther 1:1-4, 10-19](#)
[Esther 2:5-8, 15-23](#)

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