



This Sunday

This week we're exploring the ways we use resources - moving forward in ways that are *strategic, wise, and faithful*. Theologian John T. Carroll says, "Money may and often does entangle and corrupt, but it can also be a vehicle for forging relationships of value. It is not about self-interest but contributing to the flourishing of others."

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



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*):

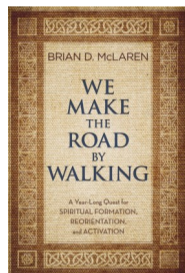


- ✓ scouring pads (not stainless steel nor soap pads)
- ✓ sponges (small and large)
- ✓ scrub brushes
- ✓ lightweight, multipurpose cleaning towels (not paper)
- ✓ 16 to 34 oz bottles of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- ✓ 12 to 40 oz bottles of liquid concentrate (type that can be mixed with 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)

Please bring these items to the box in the lobby by Sunday, September 28. Monetary donations may be sent to the church office, written to Presbyterian Women, memo: Buckets!

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.



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:

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!



4th Sundays



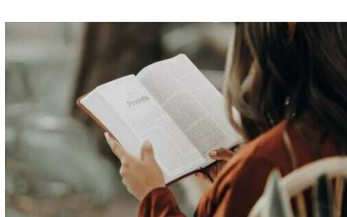
Do What Matters. Learn What Matters. Together. *4th Sundays at First Pres* is an engaging, intergenerational gathering for service, learning, worship, and a meal on the 4th Sunday evening of each month. Join us next Sunday evening at 4:30 p.m. to experience a new way to connect with God and each other. *4th Sundays* is a gathering of all ages around a monthly theme - we'll explore the connections between simple service projects, arts, crafts, prayer stations, activities, an uncomplicated time of worship with communion, enjoy a simple meal, and finish by 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

- for Candy Travis, having heart issues;
- for Gail and Maurice Coates;
- for Richard and his loved ones;
- for an end to all the senseless violence in the world;
- for an Aunt, diagnosed with terminal cancer;
- for J, on their road to recovery, and for reunification with their children;
- for those whose housing situations are tenuous;
- for Marilyn and Morgan Kunkle, and all who mourn David's passing;
- for farmers, that the harvest be successful and safe;
- for Ken, whose longtime companion died suddenly on Friday;
- for one experiencing problems at work;
- for one making a personal medical decision;
- for Ruth and her mother, as her mother receives hospital care;
- in gratitude for the care and support of a great church community.



Daily Readings



Sunday, September 21
Monday, September 22
Tuesday, September 23
Wednesday, September 24
Thursday, September 25
Friday, September 26
Saturday, September 27

[Esther 3:1-4:3](#)
[Esther 4:4-17](#)
[Esther 5:1-14](#)
[Esther 6:1-14](#)
[Esther 7:1-10](#)
[Esther 8:1-8, 15-17](#)
[Esther 9:1-32](#)

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