



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN  
September 5, 2025

## This Sunday



This Sunday's Gospel Lesson is Luke 14:25-33. As many times as I've read this text, this is the first time the words "first, sit down" have jumped out at me! As we continue to discern God's way together, this is a good reminder that sometimes we have to first, sit down - to take the time to consider all that is ahead of us before committing to an expanded way forward. Join me Sunday as we dedicate musicians and educators for service, as we gather around the table for the Lord's Supper and as we think about what it means to first, sit down.

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

## First Friday - Tonight!

We welcome Jieun Kim Newland to play the First Friday Recital tonight at 7:00 p.m.. Jieun is new to the area and lives in Henderson where she is the new musician at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and her husband is the new Rector. Jieun is a wonderful person and musician and has great expertise and interest in early music, owning a number of copies of interesting historical keyboard instruments. Help us welcome her to the region by attending the recital!



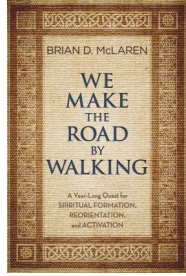
## First Light - This Sunday!



First Light, our group for youth grades 6 through 12, will have its first meeting of the year this Sunday night. Come for pizza and epic games in the education wing from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.!

## 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 will be 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.



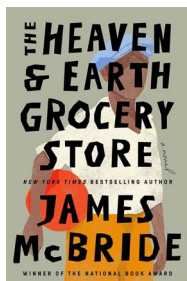
## Sacred Conversations



Last Sunday evening's S'MORES and COMPLINE (7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - see above!) 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 this week:

Monday, September 8, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

## September's Book Group Selection



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

September's book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. What begins as a murder mystery becomes a story of small-town place and community, of love and hate, and of compassion and violence.

## LGBTQ Group Gathering

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to meet the Van Camps' at their home (259 Washington Ave.) on Friday, 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](mailto:jerusha@fpcevv.com)).



## Lunch and Learn



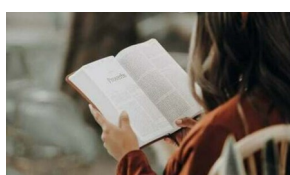
The Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women invite you Lunch and Learn with them on Monday, September 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dave Doehnert from the National Response team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will talk about his recent experiences with PDA, including responding to the flooding 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 September 15.

## Prayer Requests

- in celebration of the arrival of great-grandtwins - a boy and a girl;
- for Pam, facing cancer;
- for Linda, adjusting to assisted living;
- for all those touched by the shooting at Annunciation Church and School in Minneapolis;
- for one whose rash decision affects many, especially their family;
- for a friend, mourning the sudden loss of a beloved colleague;
- for a student, continuing to heal following an ATV accident;
- for those grieving the loss of a family pet;
- in gratitude for time with family;
- for one awaiting the start of chemotherapy;
- for Julie, as she prepares for back surgery following an injury;
- in gratitude for wonderful medical caregivers.



## Daily Readings



Sunday, September 7	<a href="#">Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6</a>
Monday, September 8	<a href="#">Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28</a>
Tuesday, September 9	<a href="#">Job 29:1-20</a>
Wednesday, September 10	<a href="#">Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31</a>
Thursday, September 11	<a href="#">Job 29:1; 31:1-23</a>
Friday, September 12	<a href="#">Job 29:1; 31:24-40</a>
Saturday, September 13	<a href="#">Job 38:1-17</a>

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