



First  
Presbyterian  
Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN  
October 10, 2025

## This Sunday

This week's sermon text is Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7. God commanded the prophet to tell the exiles who had been sent from Jerusalem to Babylon this:

*Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; encourage your children to do the same. Seek the welfare of the city where God sent you into exile, and pray to God on behalf of your city, for in the city's welfare you will find your own welfare.*



It is easy for us to imagine that the times we live in might keep us from being rooted in a place or from planting things for an uncertain future. That isolating ourselves and focusing on our own welfare and wellbeing might be better than focusing on the welfare of the city where we live (where we might even feel somewhat exiled.) Let's talk about it this Sunday...

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

## House Meeting!



Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE) wants to know your concerns, worries, and hopes for the Evansville area. First Pres will host three "House Meetings" led by First Pres members. These meetings are a space to listen and connect with each other over your concerns, lasting about 60 to 75 minutes. You don't have to be a member of First Pres to participate, just have a willingness to share and listen. CAJE will use the information as a starting point for finding the next project to help make Evansville a better place for everyone.

Plan to attend:

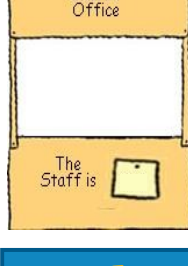
- ♦ **(tomorrow!) Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. ([online!](#))**
- ♦ Monday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- ♦ Friday, October 17, Noon in the Chapel

## S'mores and Evening Prayer - Sunday Night

Join Rev. Jerusha around the fire pit in the courtyard this Sunday, October 12 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! (*First Light youth group will not meet this evening*, but youth are welcome to come to Evening Prayer.)



## FPC Building Hours

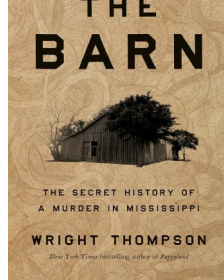


First Presbyterian Church's OCTOBER HOURS will be variable and unpredictable due to off-site commitments. If you arrive and find the doors locked, please text or call Pastor MB to find out when someone will be in the building or to schedule an appointment: 812-872-4882. Please include your name/company in your text or voice message: "This is \_\_\_\_\_..."

## October's Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, October 13, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

October's book is *The Barn* by Wright Thompson. The barn of the title is the place where 14-year-old Emmett Till was murdered by segregationist white citizens of Sunflower County, Mississippi in 1955. The "secret history" is the result of the author's thorough research and skillful journalism and is a gripping account of a terrible and shameful event in our nation's history.



## Little Lambs Anniversary Celebration

Little Lambs' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is Thursday, October 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Evansville Country Club. An anonymous donation has made the reservation of a table of eight for folks from First Pres possible. If Little Lambs has held a special place in your heart (or if you simply want to support them as they celebrate 30 years), please contact Pastor MB (812-872-4882 or [mb@fpcevv.com](mailto:mb@fpcevv.com)) to see if seats at our table are still available. You may also reserve your own tickets (\$50 per individual; \$400 for a table of eight) by calling 812-425-5262 or by emailing [littlelambs.evansville@gmail.com](mailto:littlelambs.evansville@gmail.com).

**Deaconess & The Women's Hospital**

Present

### Little Bo Peep Has Lost Her Sheep! Can You Help Her Find Them?

**Little Lambs 30th Anniversary Celebration**

October 16, 2025  
11:00 am - 1:00pm

Event held at the Evansville Country Club  
3810 Stringtown Rd, Evansville, IN

\$50 Individual Tickets    \$400 for a Table of Eight

To Reserve Tickets, Contact us at 812-425-5262 or  
[littlelambs.evansville@gmail.com](mailto:littlelambs.evansville@gmail.com)

## October = Silent Movies at First Pres!



October is here, which means it's Silent Movie time at First Pres! Mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 to hear Director of Music Robert Nicholls improvise soundtracks to the silent movie classics *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (Friday) and *Metropolis* (Saturday). Bring your friends to this free event, have a spooky evening, and help raise a little money (donations gratefully received that evening) to help send young First Pres musicians to special music experiences!



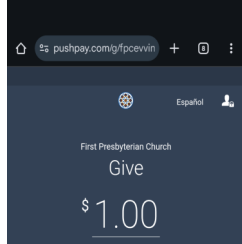
## 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres + Halloween Candy



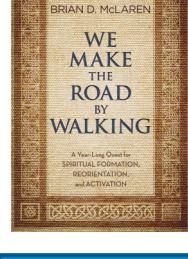
The next gathering of 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres is coming up on Sunday, October 26 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. This month's theme is "Living in Table Community" (Watch next week's *Connect* email for link to a Taco Bar Sign-Up). Our act of service will be putting together Halloween treat bags for youth to hand out on Friday, October 31. Please bring bags of candy with you to church this month - there's a container in the courtyard lobby for the goodies!

## Updates to Online Giving

Did you know that you can give to First Pres online? It's as simple: click the "[giving](#)" tab at [fpcevv.com](http://fpcevv.com) and follow the prompts. And now you can give via your phone: text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520. If you've given online to First Pres in the past, you'll notice things look a little different - and should be even easier. If you've set up automatic giving, watch for an email about updating your giving schedule. Thank you for supporting First Pres!



## We Make the Road



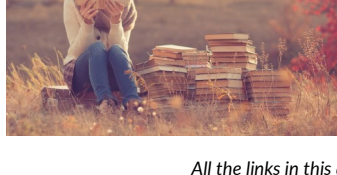
Join Rev. Jerusha in a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation by participating in weekly conversation groups based around Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. Hybrid (in-person + online) groups meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at Noon and 7:00 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.

## Prayer Requests

- for those affected by the Cross Lake Apartments fire on Sunday;
- for Sarah, Jon, and Cheryl, as they face health challenges;
- for Sammy, Anna, and Haneui;
- for Becky, as she navigates a health challenge;
- for those who are traveling;
- in gratitude for the PW planning committee, and their selfless work on the disaster bucket project;
- in gratitude for all who helped assemble the disaster buckets;
- for one whose aunt died this weekend, and for comfort for the aunt's remaining sibling;
- for all those who are being wrongly deported;
- for the thousands of volunteers at the Fall Festival;
- for discernment for all so the actions of the current presidential administration can be seen clearly and plainly by all;
- for Ruth and her family, as they mourn the passing of her mother;
- for Rich S, following hip replacement on Tuesday;
- for one in the final chapter of their life.



## Daily Readings



Sunday, October 12  
Monday, October 13  
Tuesday, October 14  
Wednesday, October 15  
Thursday, October 16  
Friday, October 17  
Saturday, October 18

[Hosea 11:1-11](#)  
[Hosea 11:12-12:1](#)  
[Hosea 12:2-14](#)  
[Hosea 13:1-3](#)  
[Hosea 13:4-8](#)  
[Hosea 13:9-16](#)  
[Hosea 14:1-9](#)

All the links in this article direct you to [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), which is not affiliated with First Pres Evansville.

Items to be considered for inclusion in *Connect* should be submitted to the church office by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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