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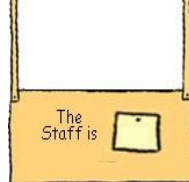
This Sunday

Too early, too late, just right... Do you know someone who has ‘great timing?’ Sometimes it seems the variable in whether something turns out one way or the other is timing - an element frequently not under our control. Our gospel lesson this week brings us an interesting story about a judge and a persistent widow. What can we learn about timing from this story in Luke?



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

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 = 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!



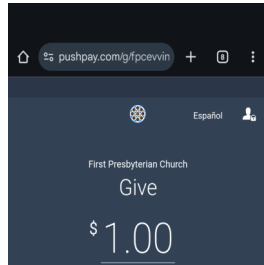
4th Sundays at 1st Pres + Halloween Candy



The next gathering of 4th Sundays at 1st 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](#) 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 have automatic giving set up through First Web, please respond to an email about moving that gift to the updated software. Thank you for supporting First Pres!



House Meeting!



Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE) wants to know your concerns, worries, and hopes for the Evansville area. If you weren’t able to participate in the House Meetings at First Pres over the past week, you still have an opportunity to share by filling out an [online form](#). The information gathered in the survey will not be publicly shared with others. (You are also welcome to complete the survey even if you attended a house meeting.)

LGBTQ Group Gathering

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to gather for a potluck lunch on Sunday, October 26 at the Greater Evansville Youth/IYG Center located at 501 John St. Suite 12, Evansville, IN 47713. Hosted by Greater Evansville Youth/IYG’s Resource Development Manager, Katie Ruthenburg, we will gather for lunch and conversation. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com).



Caring Connection - Thank You

Dear Friends - by now you have heard the news that First Pres member Sandra Mants passed at the end of last week. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will take place in the Sanctuary on Friday, October 24 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m. that morning. You may view her obituary [here](#).

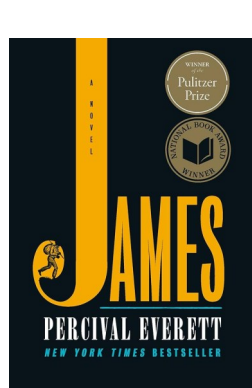


My sister Mary, Paul, and I (Lora) share our gratitude for the First Pres family and the love and friendship shared with our mom over the years, and especially the prayers and support offered during the past year as she battled leukemia.

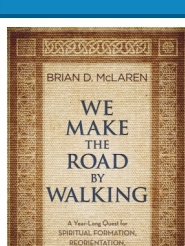
November’s Book Group Selection

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

November’s book is the multiple award-winning novel, *James*, by Percival Everett. The book is loosely based on Mark Twain’s *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (No need to have read or to remember *Huck Finn* to appreciate *James*). In Everett’s telling, enslaved-but-attempting-escape James and white-runaway-boy Huck make their adventure-filled way down the Mississippi River. Among his peers, James is revealed to be much more thoughtful, resourceful and insightful than is assumed and assigned by the white society in which he is trapped. Prepare to be intrigued.



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 Bart H, receiving hospital care for multiple issues;
- for the Killion family, as they mourn the loss of a sister and aunt;
- for the loved ones of Sandra M, as they grieve her passing;
- for friends and members who are not able to come to church;
- for Susanne and Tom S;
- for Anne, as she mends a broken foot;
- for all who are traveling on fall break this week;
- for Uncle Jack, awaiting pathology results following surgery;
- for one suffering with chronic pain - that they see relief;
- for John, looking for healing and medical answers;
- for a mother whose children have stopped contact, and for that mother to find safe and reasonable housing;
- for Anna, seeking answers to questions on next steps
- for peace, hope, and persistence, with all working for cessation of violence in the Middle East;
- for all working for peace, safety, and justice in our families and communities;
- for Jane, as she struggles with the consequences of her son’s problem with substance abuse;
- in praise for the healthy birth of a dear friend’s grandson;
- for Millie, an 11-year old awaiting a heart transplant, and for her family and all involved in her care;
- for the injured student athlete from South Spencer and all those dealing with sport injuries this season;
- for Deb S, following a cancer diagnosis;
- for the Klipsch family, as they move forward after Lil fell and broke several bones;
- for peace;
- for all those whose job is to serve and protect in our community;
- in gratitude for the beauty of fall.



Daily Readings



Sunday, October 19 [Micah 1:1-9](#)
Monday, October 20 [Micah 2:1-13](#)
Tuesday, October 21 [Micah 3:1-8](#)
Wednesday, October 22 [Micah 3:9-4:5](#)
Thursday, October 23 [Micah 5:1-4, 10-15](#)
Friday, October 24 [Micah 6:1-8](#)
Saturday, October 25 [Micah 7:1-7](#)

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