



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
October 31, 2025

This Sunday

This Sunday, we remember the stories and the faith of our ancestors. You are invited to bring a photo or a memento that belonged to or that reminds you of someone whose faithfulness and love has impacted your faith and your life. We will place these items around the table as we give thanks to God for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.

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



Share Treats!



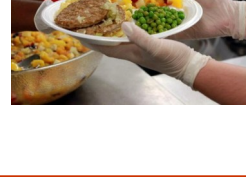
Do you love sharing treats but don't have a lot of trick-or-treaters in your neighborhood? Come downtown and hand out the candy that was prepared at the 4th Sundays at 1st Pres gathering this week. First Light youth will be there, and would love to have you join them on Friday (10/31) between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.!

First Light will also meet on Sunday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All Jr- and Sr- High youth are welcome!

Before You Go to Bed Saturday night...



Feeding Mission

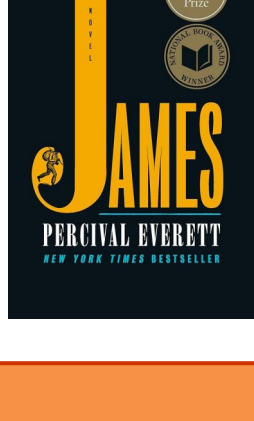


Our Feeding Mission group continues serving lunch on the second Monday of the month at UCS (November 10 is the next date!) for our neighbors in need. If lunchtime doesn't work for you, how about bringing dessert? Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen next Sunday (11/9) before - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information or to volunteer, contact [Francie Hubbard](#).

November's Book Group Selection

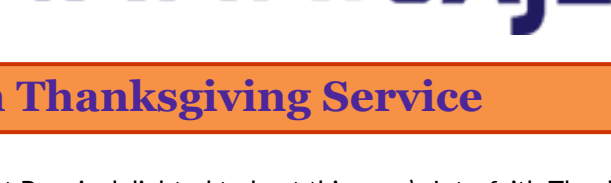
Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

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.



Community Problems Assembly

CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice & Empowerment) invites everyone to the 2025 Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 300 Mary St., Evansville. At this gathering, community leaders and those personally affected by injustice will share their stories. Together, we will identify and vote on the most pressing issues our community should address. Your voice matters - come, listen, and help shape the change we need! Please contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#), [Tracy Shaw](#), or [Gina Robinson Ungar](#) for more information.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



First Pres is delighted to host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on behalf of the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 19. Join our neighbors in faith in the First Pres Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. as we give thanks for all God has done. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall; if you are interested in helping provide refreshments, click [HERE to sign up](#) or contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#).

It's Jiffy Time!

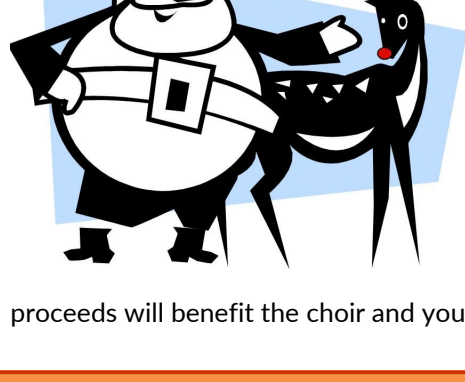
Calling all shoppers! It's time to stock up on Jiffy Cornbread Mix and bring it with you to church. The Mission Committee encourages you to help feed our neighbors this Thanksgiving by bringing Jiffy Mix for the Evansville Rescue Mission's 104th annual Gobbler Gathering. They expect to provide Thanksgiving food boxes to over 2,000 households.

First Pres' goal is 500+ boxes of Jiffy Mix - you can bring them to the church now through Sunday, November 16. If you're not a shopper, monetary donations are always welcome - make your check to First Pres (or [give online](#)!) and designate as "Jiffy Mix" Thank you for sharing with our neighbors in need!



Breakfast with Santa!

Breakfast with Santa is back! On Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., the jolly elf himself will be at First Pres spreading cheer while folks enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and all the trimmings. No one is too old to enjoy pancakes nor Santa, but if this event isn't for you, consider purchasing tickets to donate! Consider tickets will be distributed to families in need, particularly in the Glenwood, Lincoln, and Culver School districts as well as ECHO Pediatrics and the House of Bread and Peace. The \$10 tickets are available from choir members, the church office, and by using the [Breakfast with Santa form on First Web](#). All proceeds will benefit the choir and youth of First Pres. Thank you!



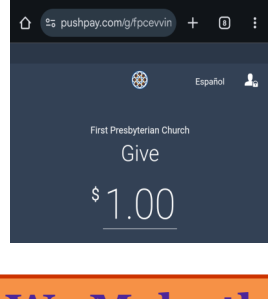
Future Hope

Future Hope, our comprehensive campaign to fund the ministry and mission of First Pres has begun. Watch for information in your USPS mail over the next several weeks as we share our hopes, dreams, and plans for First Pres that will benefit generations to come. If we don't have your street address, you can read the first letter [HERE](#).

Future Hope co-chair Scott Wylie will host a leadership giving gathering for those interested in hearing more about the comprehensive campaign this Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 900 South Colony Road. In addition to enjoying fellowship and sociable beverages and nibbles, attendees will have the opportunity to be leaders in giving by making early commitments to Future Hope. For more information or to RSVP, [email Scott](#).



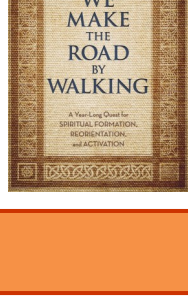
Updates to Online Giving



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 asap to an email about moving that gift to the updated software. Thank you for supporting First Pres!

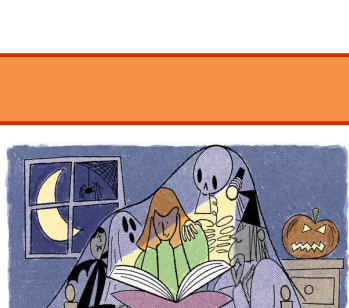
We Make the Road

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 family traveling this weekend and the next;
- for the Killion family, as they grieve the loss of another family member;
- for folks battling colds, flu, and other autumnal ailments;
- for those dealing with cancer;
- for one recovering with surgery;
- for one seeking mental clarity;
- for one preparing to travel home, who is concerned about the details;
- in praise and gratitude for healing;
- for the birth of a healthy new great-grandson;
- for healing hearts;
- for Lisa and family as they grieve the loss of a loved one;
- for one struggling with insomnia and a food addiction;
- that our children grow in faith and hope in Jesus;
- for safe travels, as one prepares for a trip;
- for Tom and Suzanne;
- for the loved ones of Sandra M;
- in gratitude for the First Pres church community.



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