



First  
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Church



# Connect

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December 5, 2025

## This Sunday

As we continue this Advent quest of Waiting Well, you have two opportunities to connect with this theme this Sunday. At 8:30 a.m. in our Wide Awake Worship Service, we continue with Matthew's gospel as we dig into his story of John the Baptizer. In Pastor MB's message, *Not All Actions Are Created Equal*, she will help us think about which actions are worthy of God and bear good fruit in our world. We'll be talking about wheat and chaff and unquenchable fire so you won't want to miss this! Our 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary is our annual Service of Lessons and Carols (which does not include wheat, chaff, or unquenchable fire). You won't want to miss this either, so it's a good thing both services are available in person and live-streamed!



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

## First Friday - Tonight!



We are looking forward to welcoming Evelyn Rohrbach from the IU Jacobs School of Music to play for our December First Friday Recital tonight, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. This is Evelyn's second First Friday appearance, having graced the Fisk organ bench in March of 2024. Invite your friends, family, and co-workers to start next weekend downtown with wonderful music!

## LGBTQ Group Gathering

All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to the home of Scott Wylie at 900 Colony Drive, Evansville for lunch this Sunday, December 7. Join us for a meal and conversation. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha ([jerusha@fpcevv.com](mailto:jerusha@fpcevv.com)).



## First Light Youth Group



We gather at 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening to do some meal prep for the monthly meal our congregation provides for United Caring Services. Then we'll explore how we SEE HOPE in the world today. Join Rev. Jerusha Sunday night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Desserts Wanted!

Our Feeding Mission group continues serving lunch on the second Monday of the month at UCS (this Monday, December 8 is the next date!) for our neighbors in need. This month, they need a little help with dessert. Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen this Sunday (12/7) - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information or to volunteer, contact [Debbie Meyer](#).



## Poinsettias!



It wouldn't seem like Christmas without poinsettias around the building! These beautiful Christmas flowers may be donated in memory, or in honor, of loved ones for \$15.00 per plant. Orders may be made (*and paid for!*) [online](#), by contacting the church office (423-6297; [lora@fpcevv.com](mailto:lora@fpcevv.com)), or using the form in your worship bulletin by Sunday, December 14. Thank you for helping make our building and the season beautiful!

## Dreaming of a Van

Presbyterian Women will present their annual **Green Tea on Sunday, December 14**, after both services. There will be sweet treats as well as somewhat healthier options, along with green tea and PW's famous coffee ice cream punch.

The real green in the Green Tea is the financial contributions PW hopes you will make this year to Evansville's **Immigrant Welcome and Resource Center**.

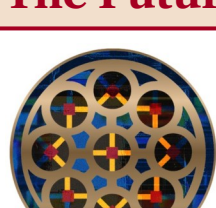
The still relatively new Center (established in May 2024) connects recent immigrants and new Americans with services, employers and schools. They offer English language classes; after-school and camp programs for children and youth; legal consultations; and a New Americans Academy. They also present cultural competency training for businesses and organizations interested in employing or serving immigrants.



An exciting current need at the Center is for funds to supplement a grant that will help purchase a van to be used for transporting children and parents to medical appointments and school meetings.

Come on December 14 to enjoy some fellowship, learn more about the Immigrant Welcome and Resource Center (<https://www.evimmigrantwelcomecenter.com/>), and help them achieve a dream.

## The Future is Bright!



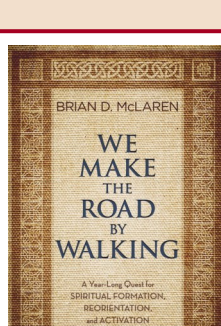
*Future  
Hope*

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge as part of our *Hope for Our Future* campaign! We have received about half of the number of pledges as in previous years, and we are more than halfway to our goal of \$2.5 million over three years. We are gratefully excited by your faithful generosity!

And if you haven't yet turned in a pledge - *there's still time!* You can put your completed card in Sunday's offering plate, mail it to the church, contact [Lora](#) in the church office, or fill out an electronic pledge card [HERE](#). Thank You!

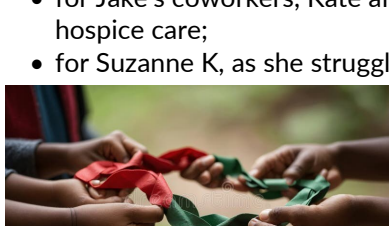
## We Make the Road

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 the friends and family of Rebecca Zimmerman, as they mourn her passing;
- for the friends and family of Everett Nunn;
- for those with broken families, especially during the holiday season;
- for peace in the Middle East;
- for Jake's coworkers, Kate and Mike, whose mother is not doing well and receiving hospice care;
- for Suzanne K, as she struggles with pain enhanced by the cold weather;



- for all those traveling, especially those who are traveling in inclement weather;
- for healing for one undergoing a medical procedure on Monday;
- for wisdom for all leaders of the world;
- in gratitude for safe travels through rough weather;
- in gratitude for time to rest.

## Daily Readings

As we begin a new year, we share with you a different resource for daily readings. The link below will take you to the PC(USA)'s website, which offers multiple readings for every day. The readings that you will see immediately when you click the link will be for the current day, but you can pick readings for a specific day, print out readings, and sign up for a daily email of lectionary readings.



<https://pcusa.org/daily/devotion>

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