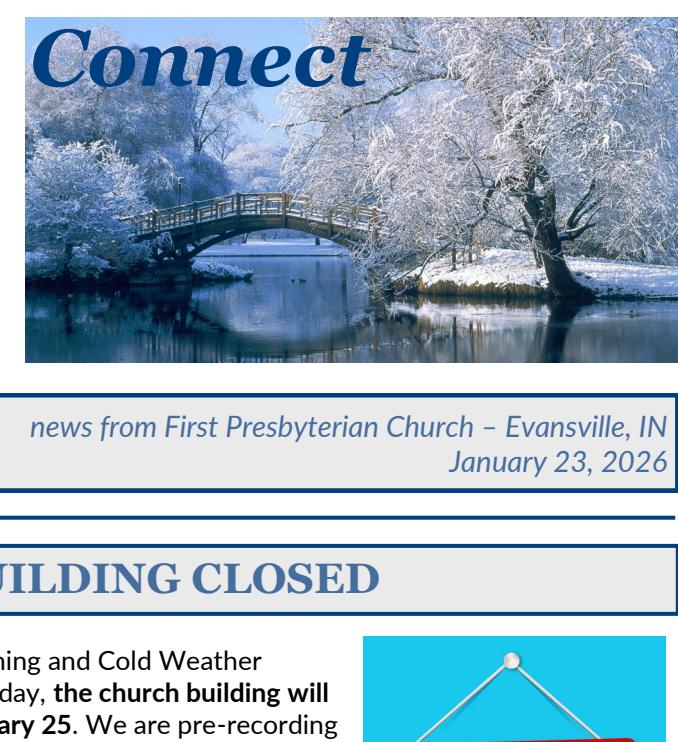


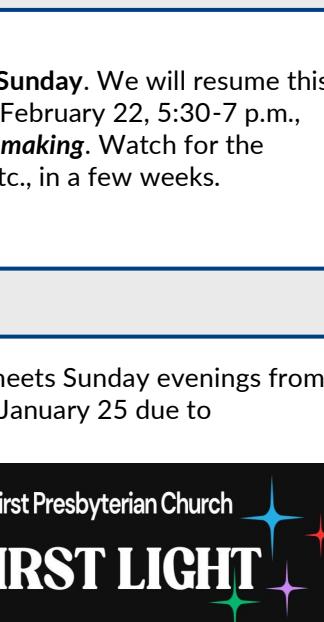
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January 23, 2026

This Sunday - BUILDING CLOSED

Due to the Winter Storm Warning and Cold Weather Advisory in effect through Sunday, the church building will be closed all day Sunday, January 25. We are pre-recording a Worship Service today (Friday) at 5:00 p.m., which will be uploaded to Facebook and YouTube in the usual places. You may also visit our website, fpcevv.com, for a link to the service and the online bulletin by this evening. There will be no in-person activities in the building on Sunday, January 25. The building will be closed.



Please take care of yourselves and check on your neighbors. If you know folks who regularly attend but don't use email, please give them a call to make sure they are aware. The church building will not be open at all this Sunday.

In our pre-recorded service, I will talk about *The Gift of Bold Action - taking on bold challenges to live differently in the world, both individually and together.* The Gospel lesson, Matthew 4:12-23, is the call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their nets and follow Jesus. That's pretty bold! What is God calling each of us to do today?

January 4th Sundays - CANCELLED



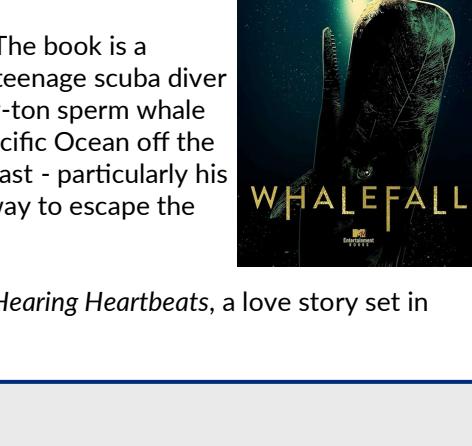
4th Sundays at 1st Pres will not meet this Sunday. We will resume this monthly worship experience on Sunday, February 22, 5:30-7 p.m., with an evening built on *Practicing Peacemaking*. Watch for the opportunity to sign up for soup, bread, etc., in a few weeks.

FEBRUARY First Light Doings

First Light, our group for Jr and Sr-High students usually meets Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 for games, snacks, and fun, but will not meet January 25 due to inclement weather.

In February, First Light will consider some questions:

- ? What is sin? What does it mean to confess?
- ? What does it mean to repent?
- ? What does it mean to repair?



February 1 - Game Night

February 8 - Service Night (making brownies/cookies for UCS)

with Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. (Some extra parents are NEEDED for this!)

February 15 - Movie Night (longer time TBD since there's no school 2/16)

February 22 - 4th Sundays @ 1st Pres - Practicing Peacemaking

We Make the Road - ZOOM on 1/25

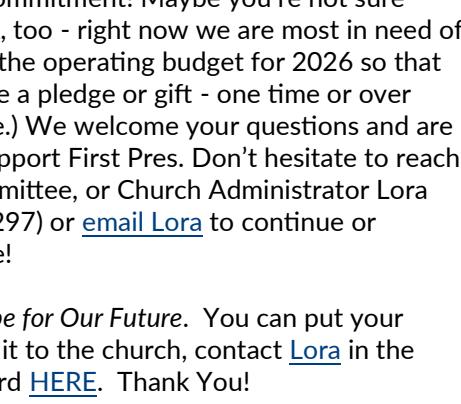


This Sunday's We Make the Road group will meet online only!

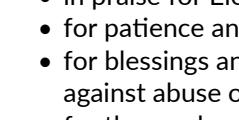
Join Rev. Jerusha in a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation by participating in weekly conversation groups based around Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. Hybrid (in-person + online) groups meet on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at Noon and 7:00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

Souper Bowl?

The Souper Bowl of Caring is back! On the first two Sundays in February, root for your favorite team in this year's 'big game' by bringing canned goods with you to church. A special display will be set up in Fellowship Hall where you can put your team's cans in their "end zone"! The real winners will be our neighbors who use the food pantry at Patchwork Central - all the donations will fill their shelves. Go Team!



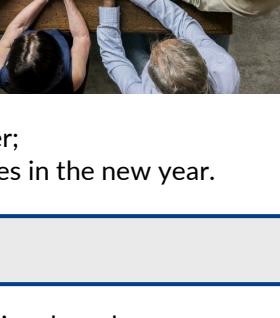
Raise Awareness!



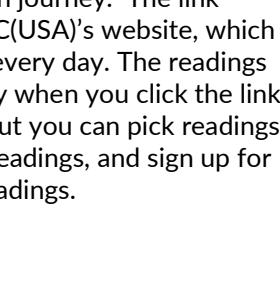
First Pres is again pleased to host United Caring Services' White Flag Walk on Saturday, January 31 starting at 10:00 a.m. There's no cost or requirement to raise funds - the goal of the walk is to bring awareness of what it is like to be unhoused during the coldest part of the year. Participants will walk from First Pres to UCS on 6th Street and back. For more information or to sign up, please go to the UCS' website: <https://unitedcaringservices.org/events/>.

February Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, February 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.



February's book is *Whalefall* by Daniel Kraus. The book is a scientifically accurate survival thriller about a teenage scuba diver who's been swallowed by an eighty-foot, sixty-ton sperm whale while looking for his father's remains in the Pacific Ocean off the California coast. He is forced to confront his past - particularly his relationship with his father - while seeking a way to escape the whale before his oxygen runs out.



On March 9, the group will discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, a love story set in Burma (Myanmar) that spans decades.

Fellowship!

Future Hope

Do you like a cup of coffee or tea and a little nibble while chatting with friends? Us, too! We have a number of wonderful folks who prepare, provide, and clean up after our Sunday fellowship times, and they'd love to have you help, too! Sign up on the sheet in the Parlor near the snacks to bring treats (homemade or purchased at 8:30 or 10:30 worship). And if you'd like to help put refreshments out or clean up after fellowship time, please email Sue Schriber (s.schriber0826@gmail.com).

Daily Readings

Taking time for a daily devotional can be a meaningful addition to a faith journey. The link below will take you to the PC(USA)'s website, which offers multiple readings for every day. The readings 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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