



First
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Connect



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July 9, 2026

This Sunday



This week we encounter the birth of twins, Jacob and Esau, in Genesis 25:19-34. In the sermon, *Gripping or Grasping*, we'll explore the things we hold on to in our efforts to control people or outcomes. Click [HERE](#) to view/download this week's study journal, and be sure to join us for worship this Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

Fall Preparations

In preparation for our upcoming fall programming and future building projects, we need volunteers to help move, organize, and clean the education wing and upstairs resource room. We have a job for you!

We are looking for:

- Organizers: To help sort and tidy our spaces.
- Heavy/Light Lifters: To help move items.
- Drivers: Anyone with a truck or large vehicle willing to drop off donations.

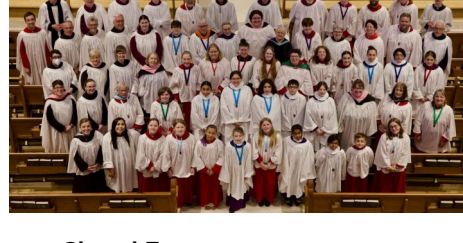
When to help:

Thursday, July 23 | 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 25 | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Drop by for an hour or stay for the whole session - any help is appreciated! Please RSVP to Jerusha at 812-774-7402 so we can plan ahead.

RSCM Midwest



The RSCM America Midwest Summer Choral Residency is this week! Public worship services are held throughout the week with choral music sung by the Residency which is made up of children and adults from across North America. Make plans to attend one (or all!) of the services throughout the week, including 10:30 worship next Sunday here at First Pres!

Choral Evensong:

Tuesday, July 14, 5:00 p.m. in UE's Neu Chapel
Wednesday, July 15, 5:00 p.m. in UE's Neu Chapel
Friday, July 17, 7:00 p.m. in Saint Benedict Cathedral

Choral Mass:

Saturday, July 18, 4:15 p.m. in Saint Benedict Cathedral

Sunday Worship:

Sunday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. in First Presbyterian Church

July Book Group

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

July's book is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Set during Covid's first spring, the novel has been described as a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born.



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women are Helping the YWCA find

"A Soft Place to Land"

Please donate cash or checks to Presbyterian Women. PW will do the rest!

PW's Goal is to donate 40 pillows!

The pillows will go to the YWCA's Domestic Violence & Emergency Housing.

When asked, Mayor Terry suggested the YWCA to benefit from a service project sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Donate cash or checks by August 15, 2026

A Presbyterian Women Service Project to be highlighted at our August 22, 2026 Luncheon.

Join us for the KICK-OFF of ...

A New Season of Presbyterian Women:

"Women Serving Evansville ~ Strength thru Faith"

August 22, 2026 ~ 11 am to 1 pm

PW Kick-Off Luncheon & Address by Evansville Mayor, Stephanie Terry

Conclusion of Service Project - "A Soft Place to Land" - to benefit YWCA.

Your chance to pick-up the PW Yearbook for 2026~2027!

All are WELCOME!



LGBTQ Gathering



All First Pres LGBTQ members and friends are invited to join Scott Wylie and Larry Schwartz at their home on 900 Colony Road, Evansville for lunch on Sunday, July 26. Please RSVP to Scott Wylie at (812) 457-8866 or by email at Scott.Wylie@probonoindiana.org.

Fall Programming Survey

The staff is beginning to plan this fall's children and youth programming, and is interested in your input! Rev. MB and Rev. Jerusha invite all parents, grandparents, guardians, friends, and teens to fill out a short feedback survey. Even if your family is new to our programming, we would love to hear from you. The links below will take you to a survey on First Web:

Link for children:

<https://firstpresevansville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/163/responses/new>

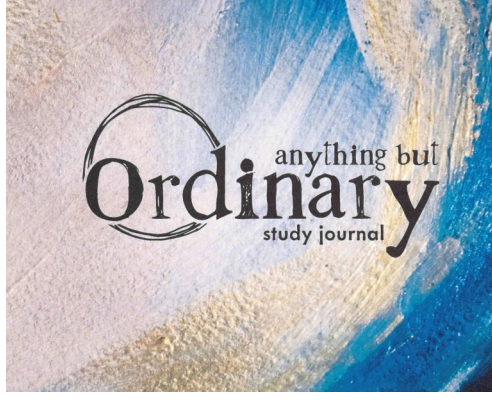
Link for youth:

<https://firstpresevansville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/158/responses/new>

Thank you for sharing your voice, insight, and time as we work to shape the best experience for our community this fall!



Anything But Ordinary



This summer everyone has the opportunity to use a Study Journal to prepare for Worship each Sunday. The first Sunday of the series kicked off on June 14 and the series runs through the end of August. Printed Study Journals are available in the lobby. Each week includes an image connected to the text for the coming week along with some prompts for reflection and simple ways to engage with the stories. Pick up a copy (or [check it out here](#)). On a week-to-week basis we will have links to the [individual lessons](#) available on the [website](#). We hope you will take this *Anything But Ordinary* journey into our faith this summer.

We Make the Road - new journey!

This fall, we will begin our second journey through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*. For those who have been on this path since September 2025, the experience has been transformative. Together, the class has woven a rich tapestry of friendship and faith. Whether you are returning or joining the group for the very first time, you are invited to experience the spark of life that comes when we engage with our faith, wrestle with our doubts, and share our human stories. Please use the [this link](#) to register today for the 2026-2027 journey.



Prayer Requests

- for a friend, facing a difficult surgery decision;
- for Annie the Doodle and her people;
- for Uncle Jack, receiving hospital care;
- for Peg, following the death of her husband from cancer;
- for Peg's daughter-in-law, receiving hospital care for pancreatic cancer;
- for energy and will to do the needs and the wants;
- for Kay, having back surgery on Thursday;
- for one struggling with hopelessness, fear, and anxiety;
- for Alyssa, as she continues intensive cancer treatments;
- that justice will prevail for a family in mourning;
- for those with high blood pressure;
- in gratitude for time with family.



More News(letter)!

Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/jul-26.pdf>

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 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>

Items to be considered for inclusion in Connect should be submitted to the church office by the Wednesday prior to publication. Please contact the church office at 812-423-6297 or firstpres@fpcevv.com with comments, questions, or to unsubscribe.