



First
Presbyterian
Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
July 17, 2026

This Sunday

Aren't most dreams *anything but ordinary*? In this week's lesson, we hear about Jacob's famous dream with the ladder (or stairway). But there's more to the passage, so 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](#).



RSCM Midwest - Don't Miss it!



The RSCM America Midwest Summer Choral Residency is here! Public worship services have been held throughout the week with choral music sung by the Residency which is made up of children and adults from across North America. You have 3 more opportunities to attend a service, including 10:30 worship this Sunday here at First Pres!

You won't want to miss hearing these wonderful musicians!

Choral Evensong:

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

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.

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://firstpresevensville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/163/responses/new>

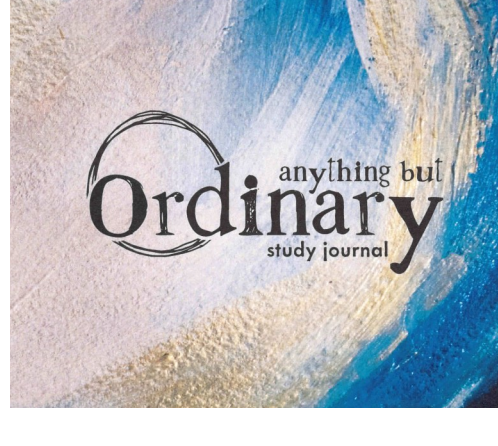
Link for youth:

<https://firstpresevensville.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.

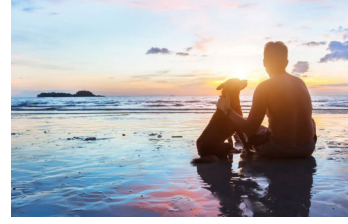
We Make the Road - new journey!

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 daughter in need of hope, purpose, friendship, and relief from anxiety;
- for Steve and his family, as they mourn the loss of his mother;
- for a family in our community that is mourning the loss of their newborn infant;
- for Elle's father Ted, as he recovers from open heart surgery;
- in gratitude that Kay's back surgery has been successful, and for support for her and Don as she recuperates;
- for those impacted by the wildfires in Ontario, Canada;
- for Elizabeth, in need of healing while facing a personal crisis;
- for Tristan, that he continue to heal and may be able to go home from care by September;
- for Uncle Jack, receiving hospital care for infections;
- for Peg, grieving the loss of her husband;
- for traveling mercies;
- for one undergoing surgery, that it is successful and they heal well;
- for one undergoing medical testing;
- for Andrea, preparing for surgery on a broken ankle;
- that procedures on a back and neck this week are successful;
- for Ron, dealing with illness;
- for one who received hospital care for a heart flutter this week;
- for Don, preparing to undergo surgery;
- for individuals and families struggling with addiction;
- for those who have been impacted by recent severe weather;
- for our immigrant neighbors in a time of stress;
- for Luke and his family, following a cancer diagnosis;
- for all dealing with life-threatening illnesses, especially, Joan, Chris, and Sonja;
- for justice and peace for a family;
- for campers and staff at RSCM Midwest in gratitude for a fun week, and safe travels when they head home on Sunday.



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.

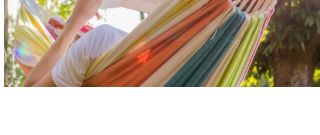
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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/jul-26.pdf>

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.