

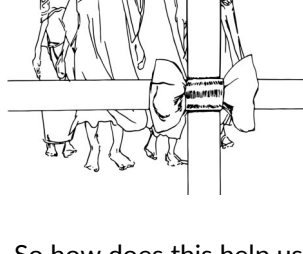


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July 24, 2026

This Sunday



This Sunday we come alongside Jacob as he seeks a wife and (surprise!) we are faced with the reality that once again the women in the story have little autonomy or agency. Four women's futures are determined by the actions of the father of two of the women. These four women were essentially the property of Laban (the father of Leah and Rachel). They become a "gift" of sorts for Jacob (and interestingly enough this "gift" is complicated by the way Jacob secured the birthright earlier in this larger story!) Click [HERE](#) to view/download this week's study journal.

So how does this help us live today? Join us in person or online this Sunday! 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!

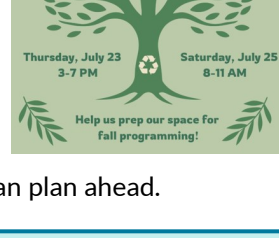
We are looking for:

- 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:

Saturday, July 25 (tomorrow!) | 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.



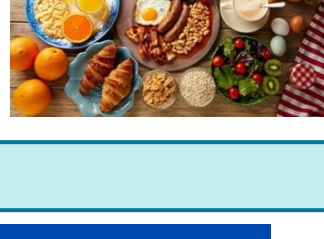
LGBTQ Gathering



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.

Let's Do Breakfast!

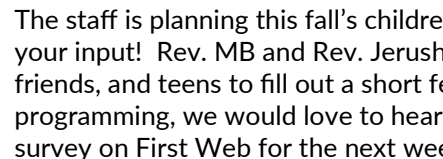
It's that time of year! Dust off your favorite shareable breakfast recipe and plan to make it for the annual carry-in breakfast on Sunday, August 9 at 9:30 a.m. Both worship services will take place in the Sanctuary at their regular times. There's always plenty of food and fellowship, so mark your calendars and come!



Presbyterian Women



Officer Retreat



Currently serving Elders, Deacons, and full time Staff will have an afternoon retreat on Sunday, August 30 following 10:30 worship. We'll have fellowship, individual board meetings as well as a combined meeting of all officers. Save the Date!

Fall Programming Survey - Final Week!

The staff is planning 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 for the next week:

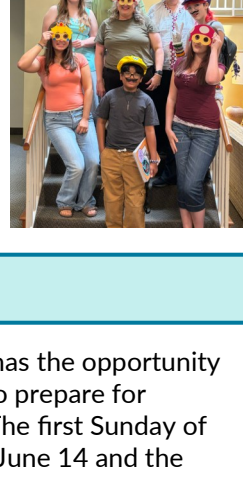
Link for children:

<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!



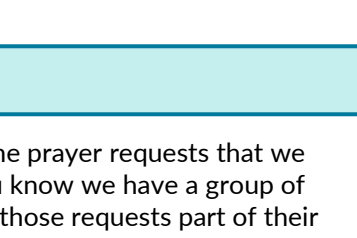
Anything But Ordinary



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.

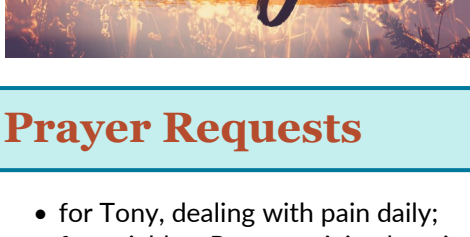
We Make the Road - new journey!

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.



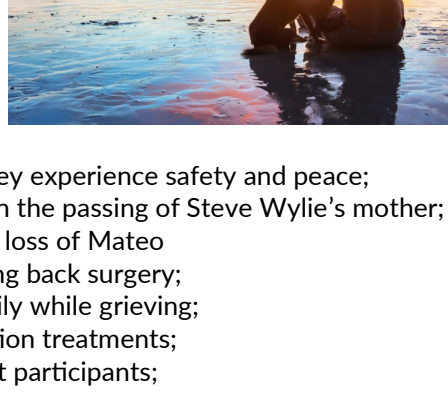
Prayer Chain

If you've received or read *Connect* before, you've seen the prayer requests that we share as a regular feature of this newsletter. But did you know we have a group of folks who make those requests part of their regular prayer life? Did you also know that you can join this group? All you need is the ability to receive an email (usually one at the beginning of each week) and the willingness to pray. If you're interested in joining the Prayer Chain, contact [Lora](#) in the church office. Thank you!



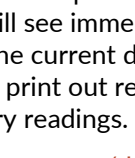
Prayer Requests

- for Tony, dealing with pain daily;
- for neighbor Pam, receiving hospital care;
- in gratitude for friends and family who are so loving;
- for Christine, receiving chemotherapy;
- for one seeking employment;
- for those who struggle with mental health;
- in gratitude for technology that allows worship and community from afar;
- for the family of a young man who died by suicide this past week;
- for one moving to a new apartment - may they experience safety and peace;
- for the Steves and their family, as they mourn the passing of Steve Wylie's mother;
- for Alvaro and Bailey Navarrete, grieving the loss of Mateo
- for Kay and Don, as Kay recuperates following back surgery;
- in gratitude for support from the church family while grieving;
- for Carol, receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatments;
- for safe travels for all our the RSCM Midwest participants;
- in gratitude for God's presence everywhere;
- for those preparing for and recovering from surgeries and illnesses;
- in thanksgiving for a loved ones successful surgery, and prayers for continued healing;
- for marching band students, athletes, and other students working hard in the heat all summer;
- in gratitude for the RSCM Midwest musicians and the gifts they shared all week;
- for traveling mercies.



More News(letter)!

First Reports



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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.

<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.