



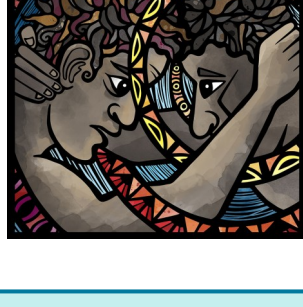
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Connect



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
July 31, 2026

This Sunday



This Sunday's sermon is rooted in an ancient story that is full of mystery. The story of Jacob (whose life has been on both sides - the *being* and the *doing* - of deception) suddenly shifts to a time wrestling with an unnamed man (is this man a human? an angel? a dream?) After the wrestling, the unnamed man gives Jacob a new name - Israel. Come to worship in person or online to wonder together about what this story brings us today. Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#). Click [HERE](#) to view/download this week's study journal.

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 congregation-wide 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!



Backpack Blessing



August is upon us, which means many of us will return to school-year activities! Bring your backpack, bookbag, briefcase, etc. with you to church on Sunday, August 9 as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks. Besides a time of blessing, we'll have special tags you can put on your bag at both services that morning.

Lunch at Sr. Joanna's

On Saturday morning, August 15, First Pres will serve lunch at Sister Joanna's Table at our First Street neighbor, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There are opportunities for all abilities to jump in and help! See the table in the church lobby, contact Guy Crouch (wmguycrouch@gmail.com), or make a note on your yellow worship slip to sign up!



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.



You're invited
to Presbyterian Women's
Kick-off Luncheon & Address

featuring

EVANSVILLE MAYOR STEPHANIE TERRY

August 22, 2026

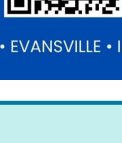
All are welcome!

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

ALSO THE PRESENTATION "A SOFT PLACE TO LAND" SERVICE PROJECT TO THE YWCA

TO
812.423.6297

RSVP:
OR



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Officer Retreat

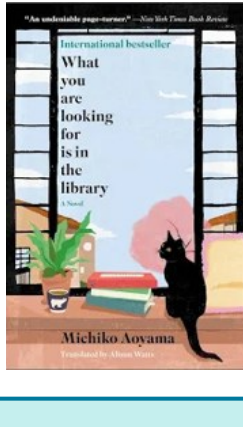


Currently serving Elders, Deacons, and full time Staff will have an afternoon retreat on Sunday, August 30 following 10:30 worship. We'll have fellowship, individual board meetings as well as a combined meeting of all officers. Save the Date!

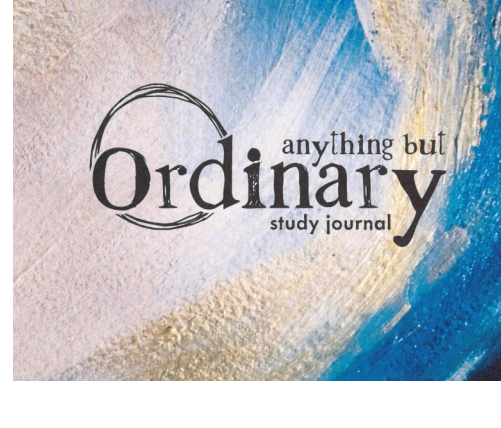
August Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, August 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in.

The Group will discuss *What You Are Looking For is in the Library* by Michiko Aoyama. In this best-selling Japanese novel of five interconnected short stories, people look to librarian Sayuri Komachi at a time of uncertainty in their careers and dreams. Komachi, sensitive to their struggles, is able to recommend just the book they never knew they needed and to help them find it.



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.

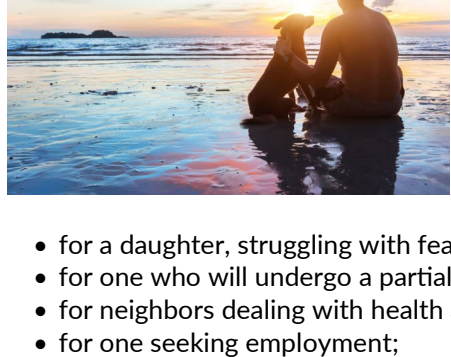
Prayer Chain

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 a cousin and their family, as they receive hospice care;
- for one receiving hospital care after chemotherapy, and their family, who live in another country;
- for one dealing with mobility issues;
- in gratitude for successful surgery;
- for those who have had to make the decision to say goodbye to their pets;
- for Adam, in ICU with a brain bleed;
- in gratitude for hospice professionals;
- for the Weery family, whose 31 year old daughter has died;
- for Becky and Lynne, as they mourn the loss of Buddy;
- for Sam M and her family, as they mourn the loss of her father;
- for a young person struggling with their mental health;
- for one preparing for a biopsy this week;
- for those who feel invisible, that we see them;
- for a daughter, struggling with fear, feeling a lack of purpose and friendships;
- for one who will undergo a partial leg amputation on Monday;
- for neighbors dealing with health and personal issues;
- for one seeking employment;
- for Hugh's parents, both diagnosed with cancer;
- in gratitude for the recent temperate weather.



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.

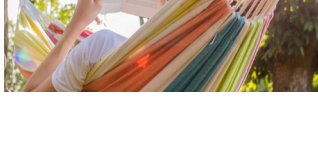
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Daily Readings



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.