

First Reports

First Presbyterian Church
Evansville, Indiana



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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.



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!

Help Us Prep Our Spaces for Fall!

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.



Time to think about Fall Music!



Now is a great time to be in contact with Director of Music Robert Nicholls and Music Support Assistant Bri Alley about introducing children to the church's music programs. The Choir School and Chimes starts in 2nd Grade, but all children, youth, and adults are encouraged to reach out.

If you know of someone who you think could be interested in the programs (students, neighbors, friends of friends, distant relatives!), please let Robert or Bri know so they can reach out to potential participants. Word of mouth is our most potent recruitment tool. Thank you!

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.



Presbyterian Women



Pride Thank You!

The First Pres Pride Planning Committee sends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our participation in the 2026 River City Pride Parade a resounding success!

We are deeply grateful to Casey Schraeder and Aaron Bumgardner for taking the lead on logistics and meetings, and to Tracy Shaw for expertly coordinating our parade walkers. A huge shoutout to our fantastic drivers - Guy Crouch, George Evans, and Jonathan Bumgardner - for representing us so well on the route.



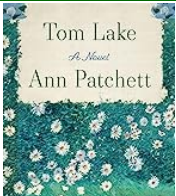
Our outreach wouldn't have been possible without Sarah Pearce, Finch Parker, and Pluto Huggins setting up our information table, or the wonderful team of Michelle Haywood, Carrie Aiken, Guy Crouch, Justin Thommeraus, Aaron and Jonathan Bumgardner, and Kathryn Van Camp who welcomed visitors at our table throughout the day.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated, assembled pinwheels, walked with us, or cheered us on from the sidelines. We are so proud to share the light of God's love for all people, without exception!

Calling All Readers

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 Pratchett. 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.



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY!

Patrick Griffin	2	Douglass Korb	15	Jane White	26
Julie Williams	2	Aaron Bumgardner	16	Sam Wolf	26
Lisa Calvert	4	Mandy Scurry	17	Darrell Pennington	27
Abby Greenwell	4	Pete Ruthenburg	18	Susi Canfield	28
Lisa Foerster-Daniels	7	Ron Whitler	19	Jeremy Montgomery	28
Daniel Hein	11	Peter Rosenquist	20	Gary Morris	28
Jacob Murphy	11	Steve Wylie	23	Bob Pope	29
Sue Vernier	12	Kathryn Nix	25	Emily Frasso	30
Nancy Bizal	15	Rich Siegert	26	John Strange	30

RSCM Midwest Summer Choral Residency

The RSCM America Midwest Summer Choral Residency is this month! 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 on Sunday, July 19 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



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