



First
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This Sunday

This week in our summer journey through Genesis, we come to the story of Joseph being sold to Midianites by his brothers. This is quite a story! Favoritism, jealousy, contemplation of murder, and the selling of a person - what are we to make of it all? Join us in person or online as we work through it together!

Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#). Click [HERE](#) to view/download this week's study journal.



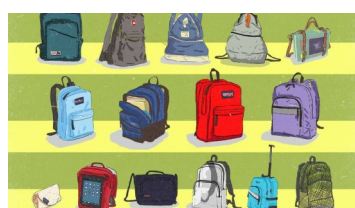
Let's Do Breakfast!



It's time! Dust off your favorite shareable breakfast recipe and bring it to the annual congregation-wide carry-in breakfast **this** 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 - see you for breakfast!

Backpack Blessing

August is here and school days have returned! Bring your backpack, bookbag, briefcase, etc. with you to church this Sunday, August 9 as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks. In addition to a time of blessing, we'll have special tags you can put on your bag at both services that morning.



Lunch at Sister 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



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



UCS Help

Gail and the feeding mission crew are serving lunch at United Caring Services this Monday, August 9, and could use your help with dessert and napkins! If you'd like to share some cookies or brownies for lunch, bring them to the [church office](#) (because of the carry-in breakfast) this Sunday marked "Gail". Packages of paper napkins may also be left in the office - this week or anytime - it's an ongoing need for UCS. Thanks for your help!



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.

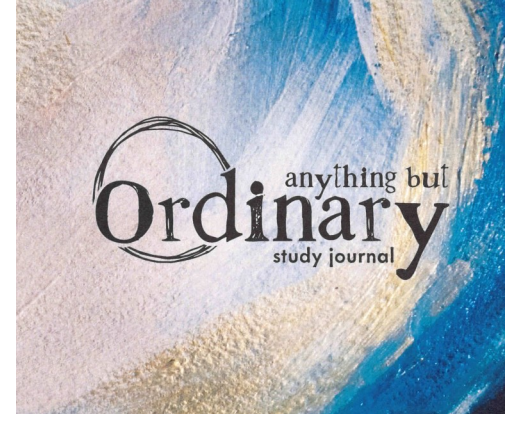
The Group will discuss *What You Are Looking For is in the Library* by Michiko Aoyama. In this best-selling Japanese novel of five interconnected short stories, people look to librarian Sayuri Komachi at a time of uncertainty in their careers and dreams. Komachi, sensitive to their struggles, is able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

Postcard Party

The League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana, the Evansville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the NAACP Evansville Branch, BRIDGE, and Indivisible Evansville are holding A Get Out The Vote (GOTV) postcard writing party tomorrow, Saturday, August 8, at McCollough Library on Washington Avenue from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and write a postcard inviting others to vote in this election. This is a non-partisan event and is intended to reach those who have historically not cast a ballot. Postcards, pens, and postage will be provided. There will be suggested scripts to write, or you can use your own message. Come for the entire time or just drop in for the amount of time that works for you.



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 Requests

- for Mike, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery;
- for one whose Alzheimer's disease is making grieving especially difficult;
- for Justin's mom, Peggy, as she recovers from a stroke;
- for one dealing with complications following surgery;
- for a family working through the challenges of aging and disease;
- for one hoping for a breakthrough in a job search;
- for one whose lymphoma is getting worse, and their family;
- for all who mourn;
- for Ellen and her father, who returned home following open heart surgery and rehab;
- for Tristan and his family, awaiting medical results;
- for traveling mercies;
- for one who survived an attempted suicide;
- for peace - between countries and within ourselves;
- in gratitude for time with family;
- for those in danger of and recovering from the effects of extreme weather;
- for those struggling with mental health challenges.



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First Reports



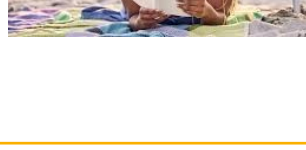
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Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

<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>

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