



First
Presbyterian
Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
August 14, 2026

This Sunday



This Sunday, join Rev. Jerusha as we continue our summer journey through Genesis. This week we examine the story of Joseph as he encounters his brothers years after their betrayal. Reconciliation is our theme. In this week's art work, where do you see yourself in this picture?

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

Lunch at Sister Joanna's - Tomorrow!

Tomorrow 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! Contact Guy Crouch (wmguycrouch@gmail.com) today to sign up!



Lunch with the Presbyterian Women

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 609 SE SECOND STREET • EVANSVILLE • INDIANA • 47713

Building Access - Call Ahead, Please!



Rev. McCandless and Church Administrator Lora Blaylock are away from the office this coming week. The hours the building will be open August 17-20 will be inconsistent as Rev. Van Camp and Director of Music Robert Nicholls will be in and out of the building with appointments. We recommend that you call ahead (choose either Jerusha or Rob's extension) before visiting the building to ensure someone is there to welcome you!

Beer Choir

Join Director of Music Robert Nicholls on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. down the street at Haynie's Corner Brewing Company for "rehearsal". The only requirement (besides being 21+) is to have a good time! Invite a friend or two, have a frosty beverage, and let's sing!



We Make the Road



This is the final week for Year 1 of *We Make the Road by Waling*. A new year of discussion groups will start on September 13. 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 [click here](#) to sign up for the 2026-27 journey.

Follow Me

As we prepare for the new programming year, Follow Me Time Teacher Orientation will be held on Sunday, August 23 from 9:30-10:20 in room 101 at the end of the Education Wing. If you are interested in working with our children this year, please reach out to Jerusha (812-774-7402; jerusha@fpcevv.com) this week!



Classroom Organization



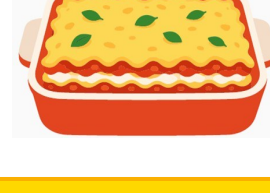
As the new program year approaches, there is still work to be done in the classrooms. If you have some time to help in the coming weeks, please contact Jerusha (812-774-7402; jerusha@fpcevv.com) and she can give you a job! A few examples of what is needed: hanging lights, taking items for donation, assembling binders, sorting, and light cleaning.

First Light Kickoff!

First Light Fall Programming Kick off is Saturday, August 29 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at AMC Arc Lanes. Please RSVP to Rev. Jerusha (812-774-7402) or Rev. MB (812-872-4882) to let us know if your teen will attend!



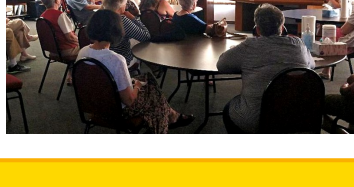
LTBTQ Potluck



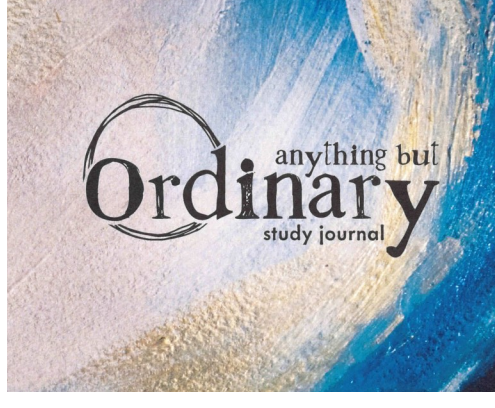
An LGBTQ Potluck will be held on Friday, August 28 from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. here at the church in room 105 in the Education Wing. Make a note on your yellow worship form, sign up on the sheet outside the church office, or [click here](#) to let us know you're coming.

All-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 food and fellowship, individual and combined board meetings, and leadership training. Save the Date!



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

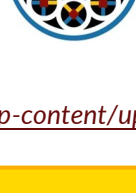
- for Fran, embarking on a horseback camping trip in the wilderness;
- in joy for the birth of Ronda's great-granddaughter Wren Nicole last week;
- for MaryBeth and Murray, as they travel to their daughter's wedding;
- for comfort for the Fryer family, as they mourn the loss of their mom and wife Sonja;
- for Gayle, undergoing heart surgery Monday;
- for one having a surgical procedure for skin cancer on Tuesday;
- for victims of this week's storms, especially those in northern Indiana/Illinois;
- in gratitude and for a continued safe and health pregnancy for Heather, expecting their first child after 2 years of IVF;
- for those recovering from surgery and radiation treatments;
- for the Carver family, as Max' father receives palliative care;
- for a household receiving assistance;
- for Dave, receiving hospital care;
- for families, teachers, staff, and students as a new school year begins.



More News(letter)!

First Reports

First Presbyterian Church
Evansville, Indiana



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.