



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
August 28, 2026

This Sunday

This Sunday is the last Sunday of our Summer Series: *Anything But Ordinary*! As your pastor, I hope you have learned more about the roots of our faith story through our journey through Genesis and a bit of Exodus. This week we explore the story of Moses experiencing God's presence through a bush that was engulfed in fire and yet not consumed! Definitely anything but ordinary! Join us in person or online and let's discover together.



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

LTBTQ Potluck - Tonight!



An LGBTQ Potluck will be held tonight, Friday, August 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. here at the church in room 105 in the Education Wing. Don't worry if you haven't signed up, or aren't a cook - just come!

First Light Kickoff - Tomorrow!

First Light Fall Programming Kick off is tomorrow Saturday, August 29 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at AMC Arc Lanes off Green River Rd. Please RSVP to Rev. Jerusha (812-774-7402) or Rev. MB (812-872-4882) to say you're coming!



All-Officer Retreat - Sunday



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.

Feeding Mission

Join Gail Riecken and the crew in providing lunch for our neighbors at United Caring Services on the second Monday of the month. The UCS kitchen is quite small, so for September, we will prepare casseroles *ahead of time* at First Pres. If you need more information, or would like to help on Saturday, September 12 or Sunday, September 13, please be in touch with Gail 812-550-2328. Thank you!



Music Will Be In the Air



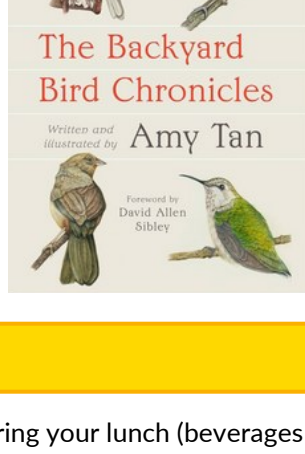
Start next weekend off with some wonderful music: our September First Friday recitalist is James Wells, Director of Music for St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. James has a wonderfully varied concert planned, spanning from Bach to living composers. Bring your friends downtown and join us this Friday at 7:00 p.m.!

Friday won't be the only musical day of next weekend - plan to enjoy Front Porch Fest next Saturday afternoon and evening in the First Pres/Haynie's Corner neighborhood. Don't miss First Street Classical at 1115 SE First Street. Robert Nicholls and friends from the Evansville Philharmonic will entertain you with wonderful music between 3:00 and 5:00, and members of the First Pres choir will sing at 5:00 p.m. Come downtown and have a great time!

Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, September 14, 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 *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* written and illustrated by Amy Tan. Begun in earnest in 2016, Tan's scrutiny, speculation, and delight in the birds visiting her feeders and water bowls are recorded in this witty and stunningly illustrated journal.



Lunch and Learn

The Mission Committee invites you to lunch with them! Bring your lunch (beverages provided) on Monday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. for an informative presentation by Elizabeth Arnold, Director of Outpatient Services at Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, as she shares how Southwestern is making a difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community. Learn about the mental health services that Southwestern provides, the impact of the Friends of Mental Health program in supporting quality care, and what it means to have a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the area. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain insight into available resources and reduce stigma surrounding mental health.



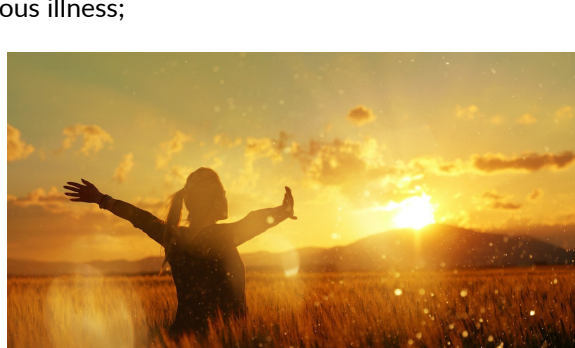
We Make the Road



Year 1 of *We Make the Road by Walking* has come to a close. A new year of discussion groups (groups available on Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday lunch and evening) 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.

Prayer Requests

- for all those dealing with damage from recent storms;
- for MT, enduring pain in her right hip and knee;
- for the Carver family, as they mourn the loss of Max's dad;
- for Gary, as his foot heals;
- in thanksgiving for the First Pres family and their helpfulness;
- for Tristan, who continues to improve at home following treatment for ALS;
- in gratitude for all who make the recent PW luncheon a great success;
- for one recovering from surgery;
- for Alyssa, as she continues to be treated for cancer;
- for Sam, grieving the loss of her father and aunt;
- in thanksgiving for a break from the heatwave;
- for the desire and will to make positive changes and seek balance;
- for one whose mother died recently;
- for Shane B, whose father has passed;
- for Marjie S, dealing with physical challenges;
- for one preparing for surgery;
- for a good start to a new year of college for students, faculty, staff, and families;
- for the Ballard family, battling serious illness;
- for blessings for a newborn grandson, Heron River;
- for one hoping to soon be living downtown within walking distance of things that are important to them;
- for Zola, receiving hospital care as a diagnosis is sought;
- for newlyweds Hanna McCandless and Noelle Hazelton, as they begin their marriage;
- for John M, as he mourns the loss of his mother;
- for Angie, recuperating from a broken hand and broken ribs;
- in gratitude for time away and for a return to home after rest!



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>

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