



First
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news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN
September 4, 2026

This Sunday

This Sunday is Dedication Day! This is the time when we celebrate the commitments and intentions of those who serve the congregation and God through offering their particular gifts in our worship services and in our program of spiritual formation and education. It is my hope that Sunday's message, *Wake Up, Pay Attention*, will help all of us think about the ways we engage in our lives of faith. Read those words several times. My guess is that the first time you read them you may have 'heard' them as a command. *Spoiler alert:* there are lots of ways for those words to bring meaning...



Join us this Sunday in person or online! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

Music Will Be In the Air this Weekend!



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.!

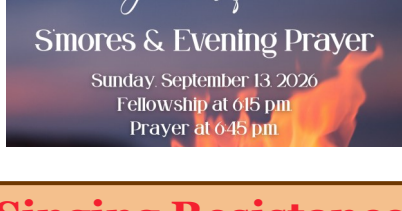
Friday won't be the only musical day of next weekend - plan to enjoy Front Porch Fest next Saturday afternoon and evening in the First Pres/Haynie's Corner neighborhood. Don't miss First Street Classical at 1115 SE First Street. Robert Nicholls and friends from the Evansville Philharmonic will entertain 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!

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!



Evening Prayer Returns



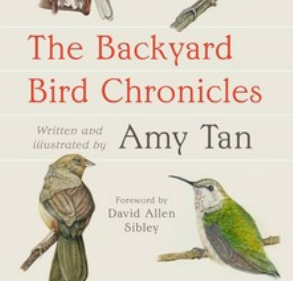
Second Sunday Evening S'mores & Evening Prayer is back next Sunday, September 13. Gather starting at 6:15 p.m. for s'mores and connection; Evening Prayer will begin at 6:45 p.m. If you'd like to help set things up and get the s'mores fixings ready, come at 6:00. Bring a friend to finish off the weekend with a time of reflection and recentering.

Singing Resistance

Singing Resistance - Evansville meets at First Pres September 13, 20, and 27 at 7:00 p.m. This is a non-partisan, primarily non-religious gathering of folks who are troubled by the direction of our state and national government who feel led to gather in community to sing and to be ready to sing out in the community when circumstances arise where peaceful, sung protest might be effective. All are welcome. Our next community concert (here at First Pres) will be the Sunday afternoon following the election: *We the People - No Matter What!*



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.

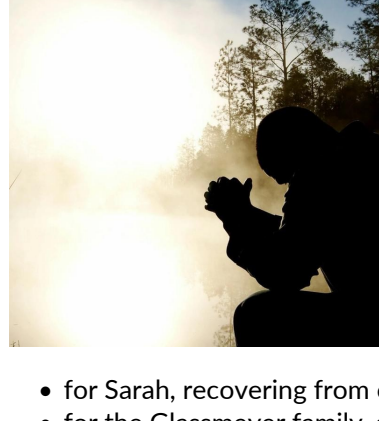
Bible Study begins

Presbyterian Women welcome all to join them in monthly Bible Study! Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, participants are invited to bring their lunch to room 105 in the education wing at 11:30 a.m. for food and fellowship, with Bible study beginning at Noon. United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, studying 1st Corinthians, will run monthly through the school year. Come as often as you are able starting on September 16!



Prayer Requests

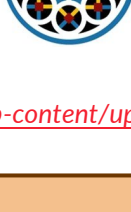
- as MT seeks a second opinion;
- for those seeking healing of medical issues;
- for patience and peace;
- for Joan and Mary, as they travel;
- for healing for Kathy B and her family;
- for Frank, as he navigates the renewal of his immigration paperwork;
- for David, battling personal struggles;
- for Don, seeking speedy healing;
- for a family, as they travel through the fall;
- for Brooke, Casey, and Kaydee, as they remember Sean on what would have been his 18th birthday;
- for one receiving hospital care;
- for Suzanne, as she undergoes knee surgery this week;
- for a young family, struggling with housing;
- for the people of Nepal, as they deal with the aftermath of a devastating landslide;
- for Sarah, recovering from cancer surgery;
- for the Glassmeyer family, as they lay Don to rest;
- for traveling mercies;
- for the First Pres leadership team, as they work today;
- for Whitney, diagnosed with cancer;
- for Ron, receiving ICU care and testing;
- for Chris and Deb, as they receive treatment for aggressive cancers.



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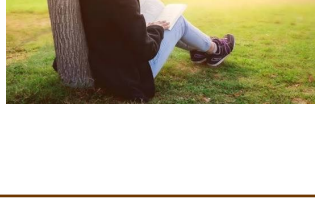


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<https://fpcevv.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/jul-26.pdf>

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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