



First  
Presbyterian  
Church



news from First Presbyterian Church – Evansville, IN  
September 11, 2026

## This Sunday

This Sunday we dig into Matthew 18 and another parable about the Kingdom of Heaven. Our focus will be on mercy and forgiveness and the ways we give and receive both. Join us in person or online for Wide Awake Worship in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. and for Sanctuary Worship with three baptisms at 10:30 a.m. Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).



## Evening Prayer Returns



Second Sunday Evening S'mores & Evening Prayer is back this 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.

## 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 tomorrow, Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m., please be in touch with Gail 812-550-2328. Thank you!



## We Make the Road



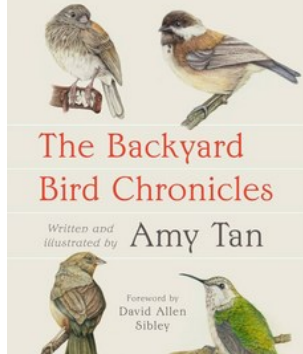
A new year of *We Make the Road* discussion groups begins this week! Groups will meet on Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday lunch and evening. Whether you are returning or joining the group for the very first time, you are invited to experience the spark of life that comes when we engage with our faith, wrestle with our doubts, and share our human stories. Please [click here](#) to sign up for the 2026-27 journey.

## 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, will run monthly through the school year. Come as often as you are able starting on September 16!



## Get Out The Vote



The League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana, in partnership with the NAACP, is holding A Get Out The Vote (GOTV) postcard writing party on Saturday, September 19 in First Presbyterian's Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

## First Light

First Light Youth Group welcomes all teens in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades on the first and third Sunday evenings of the month. Meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., First Light is a place where everyone is welcomed and celebrated. Click [HERE](#) to let us know you're interested in participating!



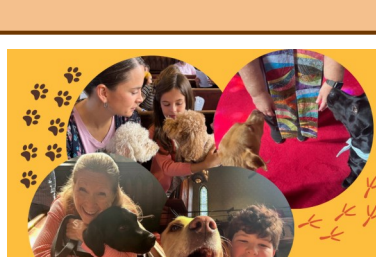
## Lunch and Learn

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.



## Blessing of the Animals

We will celebrate the annual Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, September 27 at both morning services! This year, we are also offering an opportunity to have your animal companion photographed with Santa! Those wishing a photo are asked to bring a pet food item to be donated to the food pantry at Patchwork Central.



## Prayer Requests



- that a cousin has a new home by September 20;
- for Wendy VanderZee, as she has knee surgery;
- for Gerald, preparing at home prior to a medical procedure;
- for one receiving treatment for back and leg pain;
- in gratitude for so many blessings;
- for one receiving hospital care for an infection;
- for the patrons of the Timeout;
- for those enduring fall colds;
- in gratitude for a productive and restful long weekend.

## 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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