

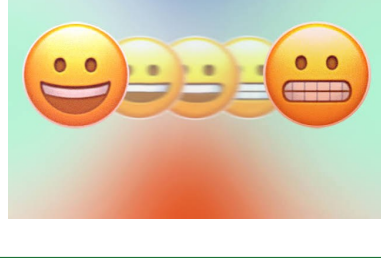


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news from First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, IN
October 9, 2026

This Sunday



this Sunday, we are focusing on Philippians 4:1-9. One somewhat well-known verse, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." is in this passage, but we don't often spend time with what comes afterward: "Do not be anxious about anything..."

Join us in person or online at 8:30 or 10:30 this Sunday morning! Live Stream links and the bulletin are available on the First Pres [website](#).

Evening Prayer - Sunday!

Recenter. Connect. Reflect

Join us for

S'mores & Evening Prayer

Join Pastor MB in the courtyard (weather permitting!) this evening for a time of fellowship and s'mores starting at 6:15 p.m., followed by a brief service of Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m. If you'd like to help set up, come at 6:00 - thanks!

Presbyterian Women Fundraiser

Presbyterian Women are offering an opportunity to bring a reminder of our historic building home with you! From now through November 8, order a Rose Window Ornament at the table in the lobby. There are 4 versions, from unfinished through various finishes ranging from \$20-\$25. On November 14 between noon and 2:00 p.m., PW will host a "painting party" in Fellowship Hall for all who wish to paint their unfinished ornaments. Finished versions will be available for pickup (just in time for Christmas shipping!) starting November 15 in the lobby.



October 11 Luncheon - Postponed



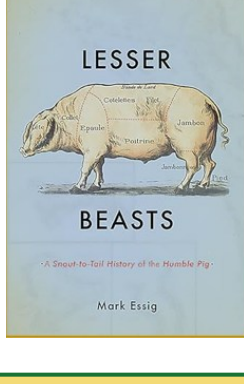
This weekend's Pulpit Swap and Luncheon have been postponed. Pastor MB and Rabbi Gary are looking forward to sharing time with each other's congregations in the future.

Thank you to everyone who was working behind the scenes to coordinate the luncheon, and to all those who had already let us know they were coming. We'll let you know as soon as we have a new date! Thank you!

October Book Group

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, October 12, 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 *Lesser Beasts: A Snout-to-Tail History of the Humble Pig* by historian Mark Essig. This surprisingly accessible book explores the cultural and culinary history of swine. It explains how the pig's intelligence and its ability to eat anything made it a vital food source for many yet also led to its reputation as unclean and its rejection by whole cultures and classes of people.



PW Bible Study



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. See you at the October 22 session!

Serenity Stitches

Bonnie Rinks (knit/crochet) and Casey Schraeder (crochet) are looking for others interested in knit/crochet hobbies who're either just starting out or have been perfecting the hobby for years. Join Bonnie and Casey in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and help create a community of kindness and stitches. Contact Casey Schraeder (812-575-9830; casay.marie@gmail.com) for more information.



Potluck Rescheduled

LGBTQ+ Potluck



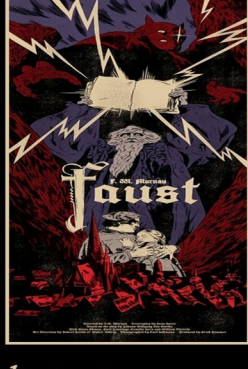
LGBTQ+ folks are invited to come together for a potluck on Friday, October 23! The location is yet to be confirmed - if you'd like more information, please contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402) for details.

Silent Movies!!!

SILENT MOVIES

with pipe organ accompaniment

Friday,
October 30
7:00 p.m.



Saturday,
October 31
7:00 p.m.

Free Admission Suggested Donation \$20

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We Make the Road

A new year of *We Make the Road* discussion groups has begun! 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 October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1 at 4:00 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, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.: *We the People - No Matter What!*

Prayer Requests

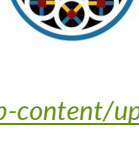
- for a mother-in-law, receiving cancer treatments;
- for one who feels unsafe;
- for a friend, dealing with several family issues;
- in praise for negative biopsys;
- for the family of the KY State Trooper who was killed in the line of duty last week;
- for cousins being treated for cancer;
- for friends at the Islamic Center, as they host the International Food Fest;
- for one recovering from a surgical procedure;
- in gratitude for the blessing of Hospice professionals;
- for family navigating illness and aging;
- for those who work against injustice in all places - may peace be the shared goal of all;
- for the family of Ruth Thomason, as they celebrate her homegoing, and think of her being greeted by her husband and children;
- for Douglass, receiving care;
- in gratitude for helpful folks;
- for perseverance;
- for Richard, recovering from surgery for a brain bleed caused by a fall;
- for those traveling
- in gratitude for changing seasons.



More News(letter)!

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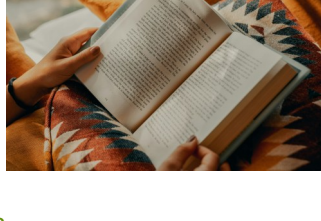


Have you ever misplaced your printed *First Reports*? Us, too! Did you know that it's also available on the [church website](#)? Click the link below for a copy of the current issue that you can read online or print out and put on your refrigerator.

<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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