I’ve talked before about the two leadership retreats that I helped to lead last year. They blessed me with an exciting and emerging picture of what many of the leaders of this church want the congregation to yet become. We talked about many things and we will continue to do so. Our conversation is not finished; it’s ongoing. Currently, we are in a stage of assembling a few pieces to our staff structure that are critical in fulfilling the initial vision that was developed during those retreats. When those pieces are in place, we will once again be ready to re-examine where we are and what God wants us to do and be.

To review, among other things, we have set ourselves to the task of developing a church where genuine relationships could be built and nurtured. We want to improve our outreach, particularly to young families, in the areas of fellowship and Christian Education. We want to broaden our mission efforts and do a better job of organizing and communicating our mission work. In essence, while we are still very dedicated to ministering to the needs of our existing members, there is a clear and very strong desire to go outward and bring new people and new families into the membership and mission of the church. This is our priority and I remind you of these things so that you can now see what those priorities are beginning to produce.

I am pleased to announce that, following an extensive process in which members of the Pre-K board and Personnel team worked together to develop an entirely new full-time position, Tracy Clinger has agreed to become our new Director of Children’s Ministry. She will continue to direct the Pre-K program while also directing all aspects of our ministry to young children thru 5th Grade. Tracy has done an outstanding job serving as the Interim Pre-K Director over the last several months, and over the years she has provided First Presbyterian with great leadership in the areas of VBS, Sunday school, and Preschool teaching.

With her new full-time role, Tracy is perfectly positioned to continue to connect and integrate the work of the Pre-school with the overall ministry of the church. As you can clearly see, this is an exciting first step toward improving our outreach to young families outside of our church and helping them to transition into becoming active members.

Filling that position has been a top priority for an extended period of time and now that we have, we will continue to assemble our staff according to our goals and priorities. With this in mind, at the beginning of July, after she returns from leading the youth mission trip in Michigan, Cathy Alexander will begin to serve First Presbyterian in an entirely new way.

As you know, for several years Cathy has served the church as our Youth Director. She has done a fantastic job teaching and leading the youth in mission and discipleship. Now Cathy will serve First Presbyterian as our Director of Mission and Small Group Activities. In this capacity, she will expand, coordinate and communicate mission events for all ages and she will work to organize our existing small groups while also seeking to form new small groups in an effort to attract new people to First Presbyterian.

These changes are just a couple of steps toward fulfilling the vision for this church that God is revealing to us. At different stages, we will continue to gather together to prayerfully consider where God is leading us. Based on what God has already done, I think that you’ll agree that it’s a very exciting time to be at First Presbyterian Church in Muncie, Indiana!

See you in Church,
Rev. J.D.
Adult Mission Trip Opportunity

Pastor JD will lead an adult mission trip to Oklahoma, October 5-11. Several communities in Oklahoma were impacted by the spring 2013 storms. Many agencies are working together in a coordinated effort during this difficult time and plan to continue over the months and years to come to help the communities recover and rebuild.

One of the biggest VOIDS and challenges in long term recovery is the availability and coordination of adequate resources and skilled and unskilled labor to repair and rebuild survivors’ homes.

Deadline to sign up for the trip is July 31. If you feel called to serve the disaster survivors in Oklahoma, please contact Cathy Alexander or sign up at the information desk to get your name on the list. Thank you for your willingness to serve those in need!

From the Dominican Republic to Muncie...

We welcome Jo Ella Holman to Muncie and to our pulpit on July 13. As regional liaison of the Caribbean, Jo Ella cultivates and nurtures the PC(USA)’s relationship with mission partners in the Dominican Republic, as well as Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and other church partners in the Caribbean. Jo Ella shares their stories with congregations in the United States and also what she has learned in years of ministry in Latin America and elsewhere through Presbyterian World Mission.

Based in the Dominican Republic, Jo Ella has been a wonderful resource for our congregation and our Presbytery as we strive to establish a long-term partnership with the IED church, particularly in the town of Mella. Watch for more information about her visit!

Back to Church, Back to Sunday School, Back to Serve! Sunday, September 7

September 7 marks our return to our fall schedule. Both services will be held in the sanctuary. Children and youth will begin their fall Sunday school classes at 9:45 to 10:30. Adults will spend the Sunday school time visiting a mission fair to be held in Fellowship Hall. Please greet representatives from our partner agencies and learn more about how they serve our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Delaware County. Following the 11:00 service, there will be a catered picnic in the garden. After a wonderful meal, 2:00 marks tee time for the Gishler Golf tournament at the Delaware Country Club. Get a team together now!

First Presbyterian Church
28th Annual Golf Outing

benefiting the
Gishler College
Scholarship Fund

Delaware Country Club
Sunday, September 7, 2014
2:00 PM Tee Time

Registration & other details to follow in the coming weeks!
One simple thing will make a big difference in the life of an at-risk child: One-on-one, positive attention from a responsible, caring adult.

KIDS HOPE USA develops these one-on-one relationships through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships.

KIDS HOPE USA mentors from FPC spend one hour per week reading, talking, playing and listening to a child at Southview Elementary School. By helping the child feel loved and valued, we help that child to learn, grow and succeed.

Thanks to the following FPC mentors and subs for loving a Southview child during the last school year: Cathy Alexander, Lee Ann Brown, Olga Butler, Joyce Carmichael, Barb Dennis, Myron Earhart, Muggs Gooden, Sheila Lachat, Carrie Jo Miller, Denise Reedy, Richard Reedy, Sandy Sexton.

There are Southview school children who need a mentor. If you have one hour a week, you can change a life…and that’s no small change! Please contact Cathy Alexander for more information about becoming a mentor.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES:
8:30 a.m.—Garden Service (Garden)
11:00 a.m.—International Service (Chapel)
11:00 a.m.—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

The Rev. J. D. Georlett, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
revjd@firstpresmuncie.org

The Rev. Dr. Myungku Lee, Associate Pastor
ninebrights@hotmail.com

Cathy Alexander, Director of Mission & Small Group Activities
cathy@firstpresmuncie.org

Tracy Clinger, Director of Children’s Ministry
prek@firstpresmuncie.org

Lisa Ulrich, Business Administrator
lisa@firstpresmuncie.org

Jane Smith, Administrative Assistant
jsmith@firstpresmuncie.org
We welcome children and families on Sunday mornings to First Presbyterian Church!

Infants through 3 year olds receive child care and Christian nurturing in Room 101 with Marie Burkey, Nancy Conn, and Kim Brown throughout Sunday morning from 8:15 am to noon.

During Worship Services: Children’s Worship Center

Children 4 years old through 2nd grade will join their parents in the garden/sanctuary for the beginning of worship and be dismissed with a leader for Children’s Worship Center. Children in the 3rd grade and older remain in worship with their parents.

Sunday School

There is no Sunday school for children and youth during the summer months. Sunday school will resume in the fall on September 7.

Currently we are in need of new teachers for the 4yr old to 5th grade Sunday School. Interested parties should contact Tracy Clinger (tdclinger@yahoo.com).

Branches’ Upcoming Events

To glorify God, Branches’ activities provide education, fellowship, mission, stewardship, and worship experiences for all junior high and senior high students. All gatherings are from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the church unless otherwise noted and will usually include dinner. Always check your email for more details and last minute changes. If I don’t have your email address, please send it to cathy@firstpresmuncie.org.

June 22-27 Mission Trip
Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake, Roscommon, MI

June 29 No meeting

July 4 (Fri.) Parking Lot Party and Fireworks
Our parking lot is a great place to watch the fireworks!

July 6 No meeting

July 13 Planning Meeting
Watch for more information!

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5
Scholarships Awarded

Three high school seniors are recipients of this year’s Lewis Weber Gishler Memorial Scholarship and Nancy J. Mannies Scholarship. Both scholarships emphasize leadership and involvement at First Presbyterian Church. This year’s recipients are **Megan Brown**, **Lucas Clay**, and **Mackenzie Clinger**.

✧ **Megan Brown** will study at Trine University after graduation from Muncie Central High School. She has participated in Branches (youth group), youth deacon, VBS, and many mission trips. Megan is the daughter of Scott and Kim Brown.

✧ **Lucas Clay**, son of Phil and Susan Clay, plans to study environmental science at Ball State University following graduation from Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities. Lucas is a member of the church praise team. He has participated in Branches, many youth mission trips and an international mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

✧ **Mackenzie Clinger** will graduate from the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities. She is the daughter of Jeff and Tracy Clinger. Her church activities include Branches, 6 national mission trips and 1 international mission trip, AP Bible study, VBS, youth deacon, and Vinedressers. Mackenzie plans to attend Indiana University to study exercise science with a minor in religious studies.

A Note from Christy Wauzzinski:

Christy and Bob Wauzzinski are moving to Pittsburgh this summer. I have taken a job with Pittsburgh Urban Christian School. This unique K-8 school is located in an urban part of Pittsburgh. It intentionally serves a multiracial/multicultural community of families and works to integrate Christianity throughout the curriculum. Needless to say this is an exciting opportunity for me. Bob is searching now and is confident he will have academic and /or church work soon. I start work there June 2. Bob will stay in Muncie to sell the house. I’ll be traveling back and forth to help.

First Presbyterian, Muncie has been a very loving church home for us and we have found avenues of service in your midst. We will miss you very much. We pray that you will continue striving to be the people God has called you to be, loving each other and representing Christ to a hurting world.
Fireworks, Fun, Fellowship!
Friday, July 4th
8:00pm First Pres Parking Lot/Field

8:00-9:30pm Games & Fellowship
(How long has it been since you played corn hole, kickball or tug-o-war, to mention a few games?)

9:45pm FIREWORKS
(Our parking lot provides the perfect location to enjoy the fireworks among friends!)

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE! LEMONADE WILL BE PROVIDED!

Invite a friend and bring a blanket or chairs.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL DRIVE
Collection drive: June 22 - July 20
Distribution date: August 2
(Collection Bins in North Lobby & Hall outside office)

• #2 pencils
• Blue or black ballpoint pens (not gel)
• Colored pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters
• Filler notebook paper (not spiral) – wide or narrow rule
• Scissors • Glue (bottle or glue stick)
• Composition notebooks (120 pages) • 1" 3–ring binders
  • Hand–held pencil sharpeners
• Multi–colored 2–pocket/3–prong folders
• Backpacks • Dictionary/Thesaurus

Monetary donations can be made out to First Presbyterian
(Tools for School in memo)

Save the Date!
New Member Class
Saturday afternoon/evening, September 6

FOR JUNE:
Cereal (not oatmeal)

FOR JULY:
Canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken etc.)

Please place your donation(s) in the cart in Fellowship Hall.
New Books on the Way

Thanks to everyone who bought books or gave cash to expand the church library collections. The new books will appear on the shelves as soon as they are processed.

Trip

Many members of our church will visit the Holy Land next summer on a tour led by our pastor J.D. If you plan to go (or are just wishing you could), the library has some items to give you a preview of some places and events you may visit.

The Holy Land in Colour (933 AWWA) presents brief descriptions of numerous sites mentioned in both the New Testament and the Old Testament. All are profusely illustrated by color photos. Among the sites are the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Zion, the Tomb of King David, the Via Dolorosa, and the Rock of Calvary. The book also includes scenes of contemporary events such as the observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem.

Another illustrated work on the Holy Land is In the Footsteps of Jesus (232.9 ISBO). Utilizing both text and color photos, this book retells the story of the Gospels from the birth of Jesus to his trial and execution in Jerusalem.

For those who may have missed it on TV (or for those who would like to see it again), the library offers a four-disc presentation of The Bible (DVD 100). Originally broadcast on the History channel, the miniseries shows highlights from Genesis through Revelation. The show was filmed on location and features spectacular special effects.

Be Healthy, Live Longer

A route to better health and longer life is offered by Health Power (613.2 LUDI). The subtitle of the book is “Health by Choice, Not Chance.” The emphasis is on developing a healthy lifestyle. The book begins with a rather gloomy recitation of the challenges faced by an aging and often overweight population. The authors contend that achieving better health depends more on good nutrition and weight control than on miracle drugs or advances in medical technology. Natural remedies such as exercise, adequate rest, and positive attitudes are emphasized.

Koinonia returns on Wednesday, July 9!

Dinner together at 6:00 pm
Youth/Adult Bible Study & Children’s Programming at 7:15 pm
Bible Study topic (6 weeks): The Life of Peter

Koinonia (Koy-nuh-nee'-ah)—noun—Fellowship, Participation, Close Relationship [with God], Gift
On Sunday, October 26, First Presbyterian will host an art exhibit of works created by members and children of the congregation. The works can be viewed before and after the worship services that day. They may be picked up after 1:00 pm on that Sunday or on Monday, October 27.

Original artwork from the following art areas are eligible (limit three):

Beadwork, basketry, cake decoration, calligraphy, ceramics, collage, crochet, drawing, digital artwork/photography, design, decorated egg art, fabric design, fiber/textile art, floral arranging, gourd art, graphic art, handmade ornaments, jewelry, knitting, literature, metal work, miniature art, needlework, painted china, painting (acrylic, oil, watercolor), papermaking, pastel, photography, poetry, printmaking, quilting, sculpture, sewing, stained glass/glass work, wood carving, and wreath making.

Entry forms are available at the information desk. Completed entry forms and artwork must reach the church office by October 17.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Aileen Howard, Bob Wadsworth, or Barb Kvam.