On the personal information form that Presbyterian pastors use to search for their next call, pastors are asked “Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.” Here is how interim pastor, Pat Smith, answered that question...

Our younger son, a winemaker in Oregon, once explained a critical factor regarding life in a vineyard in these words: “Work is performed with knowledge of vintages previous, of harvest current and the hope of the growing season to come.” What is true in a vineyard should be the way of thinking of those who are followers of Jesus in any ministry setting. We are to honor what is past, embrace the present, and joyfully step into all that God intends for the future. Every present moment provides the people of God an opportunity to be attentive to what God is shaping in the current context of ministry. A key question must always be, “What do we perceive God is doing in us, among us and around us?”

God is always active and on the move to draw us to greater maturity in the ways of Jesus so we can bear more and more fruit. A fruitful life comes when we walk in step with Jesus, increasingly submitted to his authority and emulating his ways. These are the characteristics that will enable faithful ministry to grow in any setting. We have been called to a life worthy, an attentive way of being and an adventurous faith. We are best positioned for all God plans as we consider who God is, who we are and what God has for us to do. Answers to these questions will compel God’s people to be alert to all that God desires. I would love to serve with Jesus followers who live with the eyes of our hearts wide open and focused on the horizon so God will use us to the fullest.

As Pat and Laura Smith get settled in with us, they would like to meet each of us in small, informal gatherings. Pat will guide some conversations to help us get to know the Smiths and to help them get to know us. Please sign up to attend one of the following “Meet The Smiths” opportunities in September. Contact Cathy Alexander regarding dates in October.

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 pm at Jeff and Tracy Clinger’s home
Thursday, September 15, 7:00 pm at Don and Sue Whitaker’s home
Sunday, September 18, 2:00 pm at Ron and Michelle Kaitchuck’s home
Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm at Sue Desmond’s home
Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 pm at Aaron and Jacqueline Burton’s home
Sunday, September 25, 2:00 pm at Bob and Julia Wadsworth’s home
Wednesday, September 28 10:00 am at Janie Miller’s home
Thursday, September 29, 7:00 pm at Charlie and Claudia Sursa’s home

Sign-up sheets are available at the information desk or you may call the church office to check availability.
Welcome Sunwoo Lee!

Starting on September 1, Sunwoo Lee will join the staff at First Presbyterian church as the Church Organist/Accompanist.

Sunwoo was born in Seoul, Korea and has lived permanently in the U.S. since he was ten. Sunwoo began studying the piano as a preschooler. When he was 12, his father recommended that he learn to play the organ to accompany the Sunday church services. His first lessons were with Jiyoung Jeoung, who was then a doctoral student at Ball State, and a year later he started taking organ lessons from Kirby Koriath. Although he was barely able to reach the pedals at that point, the organ’s expansive colors and textures of sound fueled his passion for the instrument. He gave his first organ recital in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church when he was 14 years old. He also played the violin in middle school and high school orchestras.

Following graduation from high school, Sunwoo enrolled at Indiana University, receiving a scholarship from the Herbert Presidential Scholars Program. He pursued a double major in pipe organ performance at the Jacobs School of Music and in biology. In his junior year he traveled to Sweden for a summer course on the famous historical Cahman organ which dates from 1728. In the same year he was First Runner-Up in the RCYO-AGO, the Regional Competition for Young Organists of the American Guild of Organists, held in Indianapolis. In his senior year, he became a member of NOTUS: Contemporary Vocal Ensemble, a group of twenty-four musicians chosen by competitive auditions, and participated in their Carnegie Hall debut in 2014.

After graduation, Sunwoo chose to pursue his desire to attend medical school.

Welcome, Sunwoo, to your new role at First Presbyterian Church!

Welcome Lucas!

Lucas Clay will serve as our building superintendent starting August 1.

Lucas is currently a student at Ball State and will be a junior this fall. He graduated from the Indiana Academy on campus before attending Ball State.

Lucas is majoring in environmental management with honors and works in a lab studying soil remediation, hoping to publish the results as part of his honors thesis.

In his spare time, he coaches Cross Country and Track at Burris High School and enjoys running, backpacking, and playing the violin.

Lucas has attended First Pres. since 7th grade, and participated in many youth mission trips and two trips to the DR. Quoting Lucas, “This has been a great place to grow up. This church has been a cornerstone for my life, and now I am looking forward to living and working here.”
**Farewell, Elinor!**

Join us as we say farewell to our Associate Pastor of Youth & Family Outreach, The Rev. Elinor Dale. Elinor will be leaving us this fall to attend Princeton Theological Seminary where she will pursue a Master of Theology degree. Elinor’s last day in our pulpit will be August 14th and her last day in the office will be August 15th. A reception with cookies and punch will be held in her honor between services in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 14th, 2016.**

Our prayers go with Elinor as she embarks on her new chapter of ministry.

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**Join the Team!**

After 3 years of dedicated service, Autumn Duncan is stepping aside as our Sunday morning bus driver to Westminster.

A team of volunteers is being assembled to take over this ministry. The church bus is very easy to drive and doesn’t require any special license. The bus leaves the parking lot at 10:15 to arrive at Westminster around 10:30 am. The group is in the main lobby waiting for the bus (pull under the overhang). After the service, you bring the van to the circle to pick up the group.

Right now, five individuals are part of the team: Cathy Alexander, Jeff Clinger, Tim Koontz, Claudia Sursa and Bob Wadsworth. If you would be willing to drive, please contact the church office. A reminder email with the schedule will be sent out weekly.

Here’s the current schedule:

- **July 24**  Claudia Sursa
- **July 31**  Cathy Alexander
- **August 7**  Jeff Clinger
- **August 14**  Jeff Clinger
- **August 21**  Bob Wadsworth
- **August 28**
- **September 4**
- **September 11**
- **September 18**
- **September 25**

Thanks very much for your willingness to serve!

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**“Sign of Hope”**

The funds have been raised and the building permit approved. Now construction begins! Within the next week, Advanced Signs will remove the old sign. Alan Simmons' crew will then replace the base with a new one. It will look similar to the current one but be capped with a limestone slab which will match those used on the walls around the church. Once that's completed, the "Sign of Hope" will be installed. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Jan McCune and the Grounds Committee
WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Reach for the Stars

Winter in July

Go for the Gold
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 elinor@firstpresmuncie.org

A Fall Calendar is coming!

Check your email for updates as events are planned!

Over the past month, the youth did incredible work right here in our community. For 4 days, we spent each morning and afternoon giving back, making a difference, and doing mission work in Muncie. Each day, we participated in different projects by working with Home Savers, the Hot Meal Program, Second Harvest Food Bank, Weekly Weeders, First Pres., Harvest Soup Kitchen, and made a visit to Westminster!
Liturgists Needed

Liturgists for both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services will be needed beginning August 14th. If you are willing to serve as a Scripture reader for a Sunday service, please sign up on the bulletin board behind the information desk.

Readings for the week will be emailed to you by the Friday before, or a copy can be left for you in the office.

2016 SALVATION ARMY
FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FIRST PRES

Volunteers will be needed from 1:00 p.m. until approximately 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Three volunteers are needed each day.

The Food Pantry begins at 1 p.m. Please arrive no later than 12:45 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer or for more information please check the bulletin board behind the information desk.

August 23-25
September 27-29
October 20-22

A huge thank you to parents, grandparents, and members of the congregation! Programs like Branches are not possible without your support and encouragement. Your support makes all the difference in the world because you encourage youth to participate, provide financial support for mission trips, and most importantly continually demonstrate what it means to be a part of the church of Jesus Christ in the world. Thank you for all of the ways in which you’ve supported the youth and will continue to support the youth of the church!

I also say thank you, thank you, thank you! As I prepare for where God is calling me next, I give thanks for all of you and the ways in which you have helped me learn and grow, and have helped me become a better pastor. I will forever be grateful for all that I have learned at First Presbyterian Church, and I know that God is at work among you all. Thanks be to God for our time together in ministry! - Pastor Dale

Save the Date:

August 7: Blessing of the Backpacks
August 14: Elinor’s last day in our pulpit. There will be a reception in her honor between services in Fellowship Hall.
August 28: Last garden service
September 4: Pat Smith will preach both services in the sanctuary. Join us for Fellowship Sunday between services to meet all new staff members.
September 11: Welcome Picnic. Following the second service, we will have a picnic to welcome all our new staff. Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish to share.
September 13-29: “Meet the Smiths” gatherings. Please sign up at the information desk or call the church office to attend a gathering.
October 15-16: A celebration of Kirby Koriath’s 40 years of music! Watch for more details!

Watch for more details about a special service to celebrate Don Ester’s music ministry.
Backpack Blessing on August 7.
All children Pre-K through fifth grade bring your backpack to church for the blessing of the backpacks during the Children’s Sermon at the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Calling all gardeners: Join the Weekly Weeders on Wednesdays from 8:30 - 11 a.m.
Bring your own tools, and we’ll provide the fellowship and laughter. Call Jan McCune (717-4291) if you have any questions.

Ball State University's Center for International Development (CID) has been selected for the third consecutive year to host the Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP), a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. This dynamic and selective program will bring together 72 African high school students and adult mentors between three groups in 2016. While in Muncie, the participants will focus on developing an entrepreneurial venture to implement back in their home communities. Along with academic sessions on campus, they will actively volunteer and meet with government officials to learn about democracy and social justice.

To help the students experience the life of an American teenager, we are seeking families and individuals to serve as homestay hosts from August 10 to August 23. The 20 participants are from Kenya, Senegal, Nigeria, and Malawi. We currently have only a few students left to place.

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Huso Selimovic at hselimovic@bsu.edu or 765-212-5950 for details. Also, we kindly ask you to share this email with anyone who might consider this cultural opportunity.

Thank you,
Center for International Development

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

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Team Member Name _______________________
Team Member Name _______________________
Team Member Name _______________________
Contact Phone No. _______________________

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