“Each breath we take, each moment we have, is to be lived in full devotion to God as we step increasingly into the ways of Jesus. What an amazing claim this makes on our lives!” These words compel the Rev. Dr. R. Patrick Smith and his wife Laura as they seek to live for Christ. Pat and Laura grew up in Presbyterian families. Pat is the youngest child of a Marine Corps Colonel with family roots in Middle Tennessee. Laura grew up the second of four children and the only daughter of a mechanical engineer in Kansas City, Missouri.

By the time they were college students, they had begun their relationship with Jesus in meaningful ways. Laura received a degree in Christian Education at Wheaton College in Illinois and took her first job at First Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Pat was living there at the time as he finished his undergraduate degree in History and Historic Preservation. They met in church and married just less than a year later.

They view life as an adventure with each day as a new opportunity to walk by faith, loving God and people more and more every day. Their journey has taken them from seminary on the North Shore of Chicago at Trinity Divinity School to churches in Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, Alabama, Indiana again and Long Island, New York.

Pat’s latest position was at Mattituck Presbyterian Church on the North Fork of Long Island where he served as Interim Pastor. That opportunity provided Pat and Laura a deep love for the privilege of coming into and alongside churches like ours that are in transition, times when hope takes hold in new and fresh ways. They can’t wait to start this journey with First Church.

Pat and Laura have two grown sons. Elder son, Caleb, is Executive Pastor of Epikos Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Caleb is married to Tisha, and they have two sons. Jackson is nine years old and Tucker is seven. Andrew is the Smiths’ younger son. Andrew is Associate Winemaker at Soter Vineyards in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. His wife Julia is Director of Hospitality and Events at Soter.

The Smiths love long conversations around tables where food and drink and life are shared. Their hearts resonate with a small footprint life. Walking, kayaking and visiting family brings them joy. Pat golfs on occasion and Laura knits. They have books in progress by their bedside. They have Netflix Films delivered to their door. They love the journey of faith and helping others learn to love it as well.

They believe God has called them to be with us for this reason over these next several years. They look forward to the ways God will love, stretch and shape us as we learn more and more about what it means to live in and for Christ Jesus.

Pat’s starting date is September 1st. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 4th. Please watch for information about opportunities to welcome the Smiths to our church and to Muncie.
**Introducing Kerry Glann**

Starting on September 1, Kerry Glann will join our staff as the Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director.

Kerry, a member of our choir, grew up in the First Presbyterian Church of Huron, Ohio, where his mother is still the choir director. Most recently, he served as Director of Music at the Kent United Church of Christ in Kent, Ohio.

Kerry Glann is currently the Associate Director of Choral Activities at Ball State University, where he conducts the Concert Choir and Women’s Chorus, trains opera choruses, and teaches conducting and choral literature at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He previously taught in the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University, conducting choirs, teaching courses in choral music education, and serving as musical director/general manager of opera. He holds a BM in music education from Bowling Green State University, an MM in conducting from Kent State University, and a DMA in choral conducting from the University of North Texas, where he sang in the famed A Cappella Choir and participated in its nationally-recognized early music program. Choirs under his direction have appeared at conferences of the Indiana Music Education Association and the Ohio Music Education Association and with the Canton Symphony Orchestra. He currently serves as College and University Repertoire & Standards Chair for the Indiana Choral Directors Association, and he taught in the public schools of Ohio for five years.

An experienced theatre conductor, Kerry spent 17 seasons as musical director of The Huron Playhouse, a non-profit, professional-grade summer theatre in Huron, Ohio, where he led performances of over thirty productions. He has conducted opera for professional and university companies, and this summer, he works at Bigfork Summer Playhouse in Bigfork, Montana.

Over the course of the next several days, Kerry will be a part of a search committee that will hire a new organist.

We welcome Kerry to our church family!

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**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.

**July 19-21**

**August 23-25**

**September 27-29**
It's been a little over a month since the "Sign of Hope" was introduced in a Minute for Mission. Because of the enthusiastic support of the congregation, we have raised $21,900 as of June 16 counting the 1-1 match. This is all due to the generosity of 31 donors. By early next week, Advanced Signs will receive a check for $14,000 to begin work on our sign. During the 6-7 weeks needed to complete the sign, Alan Simmons will supervise the construction of a new sign base which will be very similar to the existing one. A new one is needed to accommodate a structural element necessary to secure the digital sign which weighs over 750 pounds.

There is still time for you to contribute! Jan McCune and the Grounds Committee

The Lutheran ladies are back in the show that got this laugh-a-minute series cooking. Times are changing quickly in 1965 and they'll do all they can to keep things running smoothly below the house of God. Join us for an evening of laughs at Beef and Boards on August 14th. Cost is $68 and includes the show, the dinner buffet, coffee, tea or lemonade. **Deadline for reservations is July 13. Limit 14 people (we will use the church van).**

**FPC is going back to the Prairie! Friday, July 29**

The Temptations offer a rich blend of voices accompanied by stylish, coordinated dance moves performing songs like "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg" and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone." Then, the Four Tops bring back the hits with "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)," "Baby I Need Your Loving," "Reach Out I'll Be There" and many others. Don't miss these two Motown legends on one stage!

The cost is $55 including ticket, motor coach, and table.

**If you would like to go, call the church office 289-4431 or email keena@firstpirmuncie.org**

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.

You can change a life...and that's no small change.

*If you would like to be a mentor next school year or would like more information please contact Cathy@firstpirmuncie.org*
Have a child going into Kindergarten in the fall? Join us for our Kindergarten Readiness program, "KINDERGARTEN…HERE WE COME!"

This one week program allows children the opportunity to review academic skills and encourage social and independent skills needed for success in kindergarten. Daily activities will include, but are not limited to, story time, letter identification and sound recognition, early math skills, problem solving, self-help skills and socialization with peers. The children will bring a sack lunch which will provide the opportunity for children to eat with their peers and socialize through table conversation but also eat their lunch within a designated time frame. July 18-22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is a $20 registration fee (non-refundable) and $95 for the week. Online registration is required at firstpresmuncie.org under the Pre-K & PDO tab!

Pre-K enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is open! Classes are filling up quickly. Register online at www.firstpresmuncie.org under the Pre-K/PDO tab.

Tools for Schools

This year we are collecting boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons! Collection ends July 24

Donations can be dropped off in the North Lobby. Monetary donations can be made out to First Presbyterian (Tools for School in memo line).
A Day on the Burton Farm:  July 23, 2016

Parents and grandparents with children preschool to fifth grade come join us for some farm fun!

4:00 pm:  Feed the animals, tour the barn and walk the creek  
(Appropriate footwear, NO open toe shoes)

5:30 pm:  Dinner by the Pool - Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.  Bring a side dish to share.

6:30 pm:  Swim (bring your swimsuit and towel; plenty of places to change!)

Any questions contact Jacqueline Burton (jacqueline@burtonfarm.org) or Tracy Clinger, Director of Children's Ministry, 751-7960 or tracy@firstprespuncie.org.

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 elinor@firstprespuncie.org

Summer in the City is right around the corner!

July 11-14 youth will be participating in local mission right here in Muncie! Over the course of the week, we will work with various agencies, visit Westminster, and volunteer our time at church. Each evening, we will have fellowship time together to talk about the day and spend time as a group. Please pray for the youth during their week of mission work!

July 11:  Home Savers
July 12:  Hot Meal Program & Second Harvest Food Bank
July 13:  Weekly Weeders, visit to Westminster, and mission around FPC
July 14:  Harvest Soup Kitchen

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Ladies of all ages enjoyed painting, lunch, and a trip to the BSU art museum for the Paint Party on Saturday, June 25, 2016.
Dee Dah Day
Women’s Book Study & Prayer Group
Carry-in luncheon at the home of Nanette Rushton (2401 W Norwood Drive) on Friday, July 29 at 11:30.
Please RSVP to Nanette (288-0386).
All are welcome!

Please Let Us Know!
In the name of love and genuine concern for your ministry needs, all of the members of First Presbyterian should know that, because of laws designed to protect patient privacy, hospitals will not give out any information to the church if you or someone from your family is in the hospital. For this reason, we encourage you to call the church office or have someone call us on your behalf if you are hospitalized.

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

The Rev. Dr. Myungku Lee, Associate Pastor
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Garden Services at 8:30 a.m. now through September 4th.

Calling all gardeners: Join the Weekly Weeders on Wednesdays from 9 - 11. Bring your own tools, and we'll provide the fellowship and laughter. Call Jan McCune (717-4291) if you have any questions.

Upper Room Devotional Booklets for July - August are available at the information desk and outside the church office.

Join our mailing list!
Our weekly FYI e-mails let you know what’s happening and how you can be involved. If you would like to start/stop receiving these e-mails, or maybe your email has changed, let us know by emailing keena@firstpresmuncie.org

SALVATION ARMY PANTRY:
July donation item:
Canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken etc.)

Please place your donation(s) in the cart in Fellowship Hall.
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First Presbyterian Church
28th Annual Golf Outing

benefiting the
Gishler College Scholarship Fund

Delaware Country Club
Sunday, August 28, 2016
2:00 PM Tee Time