First Presbyterian Church of Muncie celebrated its 175th anniversary on the evening of April 27, 2013. Following a catered meal and fellowship in Fellowship Hall, approximately 225 FPC members and guests moved to the sanctuary for the very impressive, informative, and inspiring program.

Rev. Dr. Ronald Naylor, current pastor, greeted and opened the celebration with prayer. Throughout the evening, we heard and saw how 175 years of FPC history evolved—as shown on the sanctuary’s video screens and narrated by Clara Rice, FPC’s “Historian”. Music (led by FPC’s Organist/Music Coordinator Kirby Koriath) from the chancel choir, men’s choir, Hallelujah choir, and combined choirs as well as from the congregation was heard between each “church era”—the wood, the brick, the stone, and the present.

The evening’s celebration closed as the congregation and choirs sang “In Christ Alone” followed by prayer from Rev. Dr. Naylor. All were invited to view the 175 years of FPC artifacts displayed in the lounge hallway.

Thanks to all who helped bring together such a special evening, including the following:

Clara Rice
Jeff Rice
Ron Kaitchuck
Allan Thomas
Kirby Koriath/Don Ester/Tom Schwartz
Marilyn Cleary and Ministry Guild
Jacqueline Burton
Cathy Alexander
Jane Smith/Lisa Ulrich

History Retrieval/Video Narrator/Artifacts Display
Video Coordinator
Audio/Visual Technician
Light Technician
Music
Food and Decorating
Publicity
Artifacts Display
Reservations/Publicity/Office Assistance

Happy 175th, First Presbyterian Church of Muncie!!
Dear Members and Friends,

As we come to the end of this year together, I find myself filled with thankfulness for all that we have shared in ministry both through the programs and life of the Church and your personal ministry to me during my difficult days of treatment and recovery from cancer. We can never predict how life will go, but because of Christ’s church we can take comfort in knowing that we do not go through it alone. In our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition, we believe that Christ is alive in the world, bringing God’s love and care for all people, through the Church. You have certainly been the vehicle of that love and care for me as you are for each other and for the world that surrounds you. As I take my leave from you, please know that you will always be in my warmest thoughts and prayers as you begin ministry in partnership with your new Pastor and continue to bring God’s love to a world that needs it more than ever.

With Peace and Joy in Christ,

Pastor Laura

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**- Pastor Transition FYI -**

The Rev. J. D. Georlett, our new Pastor, has arrived! He has assumed primary preaching responsibilities and full responsibilities as Head of Staff. (J.D.’s e-mail address is revjd@firstpremuncie.org.) J.D.’s arrival marked the beginning of a 3-month Co-Pastorate period, with Dr. Ron Naylor also serving until July 31st, when he will retire. (Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 27th, for a retirement party honoring Dr. Naylor; see also page 7.) Welcome, J. D.!

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**A Letter to Pastor Naylor and First Presbyterian:**

“’I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.’ - Philippians 1: 3-5

I think of this verse whenever I think of my First Pres family and all you did to fulfill your baptismal vows to raise and nurture my faith in Jesus Christ. I think of you all often as I prepare to graduate and start my ministry. I think of all the times I felt so treasured and loved—whether it was all the work that went into VBS, Wednesday group, or mission trips. I remember the faith you had in me whenever I see the Bible you gave me for confirmation. I remember how you empowered me to test my skills for ministry through teaching Sunday School and participating in worship leadership. I remember feeling accepted into the family of God as we gathered over barbeque sandwiches on Rally Day. I remember I learned about ‘the love of God, which comes to every questing heart’ from you—and I give thanks for that.

So, Ron, when I heard you were retiring, initially I was so sad! How could First Pre continue to be such a wonderful place with a new, different pastor?! But then I remembered that it is never God’s intention for us to stay put. Whether it’s God’s call to Abram and Sarah to go to the land God will show them, or it’s Jesus’ call to us to pick up our cross and follow him to Jerusalem and beyond, God is never finished, with us or the church. While transition is hard, I rejoice for this new thing God is doing in your life and the life of First Pres, and I pray that my home church will continue to be a place where God grows and nurtures disciples of Jesus Christ...

—Rachael Whaley Pate

*Rachael Whaley Pate was a member of First Presbyterian from age 14 to 22 (2000-2008) and will graduate from Columbia Theological Seminary on May 18, 2013.*
Many Thanks For Your Help!

Here’s a sampling of some recent “thank you” notes from some of First Presbyterian’s partners-in-mission here in Delaware County. First Pres partners with 20+ social service agencies here in Muncie. Many are in our mission budget: that is, we send quarterly checks through the year to help support their work. And members also support them with their time and talents. For instance, in the first “thank you” note below, The Harvest Soup Kitchen is thanking us and particularly John and Debbie Foster and Myron and Carla Earhart for cooking a complete meal monthly which they prepare in our kitchen and deliver to their door. Many others are helping with that project and with the monthly completely-assembled lunch bag project. But the Fosters and Earharts have been faithfully providing the meals for many years. Enjoy the Harvest Soup Kitchen pictures on this page. You, too, can be part of this fun and happy group preparing food for those in Muncie who could go hungry otherwise. If interested in helping the Soup Kitchen or any of our mission projects, please contact Carrie Jo at 289-4431.

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

**A Better Way** is very grateful for your strong partnership and generous support. Your help is very important to the continuation of vital services for abused women and children, as well as our suicide hotline. Thank you for being such a positive leader in our community.

**A Better Way**

Dear First Presbyterians,
Your continued care and concern for others in our community is greatly appreciated. **Christian Ministries** is blessed to partner with you as we reach out to help others. Thank you for hearing/seeing the need and then acting on it.

God bless you all, Becki Clock

On behalf of **Rebuilding Together** Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, I want to thank you for your recent gift of $750. Your financial support throughout the year helps us continue our mission to make homes secure, warm and dry for our community’s poorest citizens. Please know that the homeowners assisted by Rebuilding projects also appreciate the good work made possible by people like you. Thank you again for your commitment to improving the quality of life for our neighbors.

Sincerely, Connie Gregory

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**Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,**

**The Harvest Soup Kitchen** would like to thank the Fosters, Earharts, and all the members of First Presbyterian Church who prepare the delicious hot meals to serve at the Kitchen. The meals and the sack lunches are much appreciated. Your continuous financial support helps us feed many in our community.

Sincerely, Harvest Soup Kitchen
Board of Directors

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

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### 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.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- May 19: Youth Sunday; Recognition Sunday
- June 17-22: Mission trip
- July 16-20: Triennium
- July 22-Aug. 1: VBS

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**Calling All High School Seniors & 2nd Graders:**

**Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 19!**

See p. 6 for more information.

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“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
We Welcome Children and Families on Sunday Mornings to First Presbyterian!

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

During Worship Services:

Children’s Worship Center
Children 4 years old through 2nd grade join their parents in the sanctuary for the beginning of worship and are dismissed with a leader for Children’s Worship Center in Room 100 (off the ramp). Children’s Worship Center uses storytelling as a primary means for encountering God, so God is experienced, not just learned about. Children in the 3rd grade and older remain in worship with their parents.

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9:45-10:30 am Sunday School for Children and Youth:

- Room 104: 4-year-olds through 5th graders with Jeff & Tracy Clinger (combined class using the "One Room Sunday School" curriculum)
- Room 23 (on the stage): 6th-12th graders with Aaron & Jacqueline Burton

Welcome Back, “Miss Nancy”!

We welcome back to our nursery Nancy Conn (lovingly known around here as “Miss Nancy”). Nancy is in the nursery on Sunday mornings, along with Marie Burkey, to provide love and care to our littlest members.

Branches Summer Mission Trip
June 17-22, 2013
Prayer Partners Needed!

We will travel to Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, June 17 to 22, to work at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. Crestfield is a year round Christian ministry facility of the Pittsburgh Presbytery that offers retreat facilities, programs, and special events to nurture others in their experience with God, through Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you would be willing to pray for a youth missionary or a chaperone during the trip, please contact Thea (cathy@firstpresmuncie.org).

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Last Day of Youth/Children’s Sunday School
May 12 is the last day of Sunday School for children & youth. Thank you to the wonderful Sunday School teachers who made time in their busy lives to teach and serve. Sunday School will resume on September 8, 2013.
Weekly Weeders
Every Thursday morning beginning May 2 • 8:30 am
Take pride in our grounds - come when you can!

Work alongside others every Thursday morning keeping our flower beds & grounds looking good! Weather permitting (i.e., if it’s not raining), we’ll meet in the Garden and divide up the tasks.

All ages from teenagers on up are invited to come and help whenever you can. Whether you can help on a weekly basis or just occasionally, just come on any non-rainy Thursday morning and help with the Weekly Weeding!

Contact Jerry or Nanette Rushton (288-0386) or Jonathan Schmidt (729-0106) for more info.

Recognition Sunday • • • • • • • Sunday, May 19

Calling All High School Seniors & 2nd graders!

Sunday, May 19, is Recognition Sunday. Graduating high school seniors will be recognized at each worship service and during an all-church brunch at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall. The Gishler and Mannies scholarships will be awarded during the brunch.

Second graders will also be recognized during the brunch for “graduating” to full time worship in the sanctuary as a 3rd grader next year.

Please join us!

Adult Ministry Luncheon

Wednesday, May 22*
12 noon in Fellowship Hall
Program: TBA
Everyone—young, old and, in between—is invited to join us for the program and lunch ($3.00 per person)

*Note change to 4th Wednesday this month!
Please call the office (289-4431) to make reservations by May 20.

Recognition Sunday • • • • • • • Sunday, May 19

All-Church Carry-In Brunch

9:45 am (between services) • Fellowship Hall • Bring your favorite brunch dish to share (to serve 10-12)...and your own tableware!

Book Fair • 8:00 am - 12:30 pm • North Lobby • Purchase books to donate to the church library!

Dozens of books will be on display.

The Book Fair provides an opportunity to buy and donate new books to the church library. Please stop by and look over the new arrivals. The Book Fair is an important source of new books for the library. When you buy a book and donate it, you get to share a book of inspiration with fellow members of our congregation. And you don’t have to find a place in your own bookcase to store it.
Save The Date!

Retirement Dinner honoring The Rev. Dr. Ronald Naylor
Saturday evening, July 27
Cardinal Hall - BSU Student Center
- More details in the coming weeks -

The Columns

CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES...from Maxine and Chuck Leslie

Drawing Closer to Jesus

You’ve been taught that God loves the world, but do you sometimes wonder whether God loves you? In her newest book, author Joanna Weaver invites readers to experience a divine shift in viewing the individual relationship with God.

In her book Lazarus Awakening (226.5 WEA), the author presents the story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in a fresh way that clears a path to intimacy with Jesus. Just as Jesus called Lazarus forth to new life, he calls every individual to live fully in the light of his love, unhindered by fear, regret, or self-condemnation. The book includes a Bible-study guide suitable for individual reflection or group study.

Among Ms. Weaver’s previous books is Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World.

Good Food, Good Health

Can any cook resist the prospect of offering delicious meals from locally grown foods while providing good nutrition and helping maintain a sustainable environment? All these benefits are claimed for Clean Food (641.6 WALT), a cook book by Terry Walters.

Ms. Walters is a holistic health counselor and food educator. In this book, she presents more than 200 recipes based on ingredients from nearby sources grown in ways that protect our air, water, and soil.

Relief from Pain

Relief from the pain of headaches and migraines may come from something other than a bottle of pills, according physical therapist Lisa Morrone. In Overcoming Headaches and Migraines (616.8 MORR) she offers a different path to eliminating these maladies.

She shows the way to relief by discovering and eliminating the sources of pain, avoiding the “triggers” of migraines, and breaking free of the anger and anxiety that trap an individual in misery. Her methods are based on nearly 20 years of teaching, research, and clinical practice.

She is also the author of Overcoming Back and Neck Pain.

It’s Not Easy Being Male

Being a man in 21st century America may sometimes be difficult when society doesn’t seem to be quite sure what manhood entails. In Tender Warrior (248.4 WEBE) Stu Weber offers a blueprint based on Christian ideals. A man should be tender yet tough, sensitive yet strong.

The author outlines strategies for becoming more fully human and more fully Christ-centered in daily life.

Book Fair Coming

We hope to see you at the Church Book Fair May 19. Books of all kinds will be available for purchase to be donated to the Church Library. See details on page 6.

Salvation Army Food Pantry Item for May:

PASTA and SAUCES

Please place your donation(s) in the cart in Fellowship Hall.
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(These and more photos from the 175th Anniversary Celebration can be viewed on the church website: www.firstpresmuncie.org.)