The worship style of First Presbyterian Church Muncie may tend toward the traditional but the theme of our 2013 stewardship campaign is as current as the latest Blackberry or iPhone. The 3G’s at First Pres are not those of the icon on your mobile device; however, they are much older and more important. Indeed, Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity are as venerable as the Christian faith itself.

The three are, in fact, a progression. One leads to (or should lead to) the next. It all begins with Grace — the freely-given, unmerited love and goodness of God toward us. We experience that love and goodness not only in Jesus Christ but concretely in the blessings of our daily lives — friends and family, home and church, health and life itself. Indeed, we at First Presbyterian are, by any national or global standard, a very blessed people.

The first response to such Grace, be it spiritual or tangible, is simply Gratitude. Gratitude is a demeanor, a way of being that understands that neither life nor the blessings that fill it are ours by right but that they are, in the end, a raw gift. We may have worked hard, but it is God who gave the opportunities, the health, the wit, and the where-withal that allowed our hard work to bear the fruit it does not always yield to everyone. Gratitude is precisely the opposite of entitlement.

The attitude of Gratitude demands that we act upon it, that we do something that demonstrates that gratitude is more than mere feeling. Generosity is gratitude in action. Generosity of spirit, time, talent and importantly, our resources acts out gratitude. The kind of generosity that Christian faith invites is invariably sacrificial. Sacrificial generosity is giving that reaches a very specific threshold — the threshold at which we feel the difference our giving makes to us, the point at which we actually have to “give something up” for God and others.

The 2013 stewardship campaign is more than fund-raising, though it is that as well. It is also deeply theological and spiritual in that it asks us to move through this progression, rooted in Grace, springing up in Gratitude, and finally Gratitude flowering in Generosity — sacrificial Generosity.

On Consecration Sunday we will put the 3 G’s (Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity) into worship. Once again this year, our stewardship emphasis will center on Consecration Sunday. On Consecration Sunday we will put the 3 G’s (Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity) into worship as we will ask each member to place their Estimate of Giving card into special offering plates at the end of worship.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 21st.

As we move toward Consecration Sunday, members of First Presbyterian Church will be sharing aspects of their faith in Jesus Christ and what this great congregation means to them.

See you in worship!

With great love as your pastor,

Ron Naylor
FROM YOUR IAP*

Dear Members and Friends,

I must, once again, begin my letter with heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued prayers and many acts of gracious support as I have continued to recover from surgery and face some complications along that path. Thank you, thank you. I am doing much better and am relieved to finally be getting back into the daily rhythm of Church life and working with you on important ministry, ideas and goals.

I must also once again thank our incredible Church staff for their support and especially Pastor Ron for pinch-preaching for me the weekend my dad was here to sing and for responding to my continued recovery with kindness and love. I am very excited to get to plan our World Communion Service and sermon the first Sunday in October. I hope you can all come for this Sunday when we not only recognize the grace of our Lord at the Table, but also our kinship with people gathered around that Table all over the world. We will have different languages, communion bread representing different areas of the world, music and prayers to celebrate this wonderful Sunday, October 7th, 8:30am and 11:00am.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Laura, *Interim Associate Pastor

TAIZE SERVICES—SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER • 7:30PM
IN THE GARDEN OR CHAPEL (depending on weather)

This is a music-led prayer service based on the tradition of the Taize community in France. The songs are written in simple, lilting melodies and are meant to be sung repeatedly until they literally become a prayer within you as you sing. The music leads us into times of prayer-filled silence.

Come for a peaceful evening service with beautiful simple music, casual atmosphere and quiet prayer.

‘Short Series’ Sunday School
(9:45am in the Conference Room)
Current Series: DISCIPLES IN TRANSITION

October Focus: Evangelism in Transition
How are we sharing our faith with others? How has the Church’s teaching and experience with evangelism changed over time? How might it need to change?

October 7 and 14 - Taught by Elder Bill Rogers

“I AM SECOND” • A new web-based personal faith-sharing (a.k.a. evangelism) resource and community builder. Leading figures in sports, theater, society, politics share their faith with personal stories. Come to experience some of these stories first-hand. Join in discussion about how faith shapes our lives and how we talk about that. Explore interest in a new, on-going Small Group.

October 21 and 28 - Taught by Pastor Laura Sherwood

EVANG-E-WHAT? History of Evangelism in the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition. How is evangelism being taught and encouraged today in Presbyterian churches? How is/can it be a vital component of our faith in community?

- November Focus: Cultures in Transition—An Introduction to Pakistan -
What is a Rain Garden?
(Come and see on Tuesday, October 9!)

In the beginning God created the earth and God said, "It is good." And God created humankind to help God "tend the garden." Humans, however, while enjoying God's good creation have polluted it almost beyond belief. How do we help tend the garden with God? Providentially, God has built in self-healing processes throughout creation. If we work with God's healing processes, we become part of the healing of the earth which benefits us all... and surely makes God smile. So—once again—what is a rain garden? It's part of the healing of the earth.

A rain garden, according to Minnetrista's website, "allows rainwater to collect and soak naturally into the ground before it flows into the river. When water from rain or snowmelt flows over surfaces like sidewalks, streets and driveways, it picks up pollutants on its way to a storm water drain or the river. Capturing water in the Rain Garden allows the ground to filter the water naturally back into the soil. Native perennials are tolerant of fluctuating water conditions (such as we've had this past summer)." Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? And it's fairly easy... and delightful to behold.

Our Hoosier-Interfaith Power and Light Delaware County (H-IPLDC) of which our FPC Green Living Team is a part, has arranged a guided tour of Minnetrista's Rain Gardens on Tuesday, October 9 at 6 p.m. Meet at the front entrance of Minnetrista (circle drive with sculpture) promptly at 6. Wear appropriate clothes and shoes for walking in the gardens. This is a great opportunity to learn about how rain gardens function and some of the nuts and bolts of installation and maintenance. Call Carrie Jo (289-4431) for more info or to sign up... or just show up at Minnetrista on October 9 at 6 p.m.

—Carrie Jo

Adult Ministry Luncheon

Wednesday, October 17th
12 noon in Fellowship Hall

Program: "Sing a New Song"
Roger Sherwood, presenter

Everyone—young, old and, in between—is invited to join us for the program and lunch ($3.00 per person)

Please call the office (289-4431) to make reservations by Monday, October 15th!

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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)

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Naylor, Senior Pastor
ronpres@sbcglobal.net

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

The Rev. Laura Sherwood, Interim Associate Pastor
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Pastor Carrie Jo Miller, Commissioned Lay Pastor
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Cathy Alexander, Youth Director
cathy@firstpresmuncie.org

Lisa Ulrich, Business Administrator
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Jane Smith, Administrative Assistant
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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.

Oct. 7  I Am Second  
We will view and discuss I Am Second videos. I Am Second is a movement meant to inspire people of all kinds to live for God and for others. The stories provide insight into dealing with typical struggles of everyday living.

Oct. 14  David Crowder (with special guest Hunter Smith)  
We will leave the church at 6:00 to drive to Reardon Auditorium, Anderson, for this 7:00 concert. Let me know by October 5 if you want to go. Cost is $15.

Oct. 21  Mystery meeting  
Watch for details!

Oct. 28  Bonfire at Alexanders’ (weather permitting!)  
Bible study and speed bonding around a bonfire...what could be nicer! We will eat, too! Watch for more details and a possible date change if the weather is "iffy".

Oct. 31  Trunk ’n’ Treat  
This event is designed especially for kids through 5th grade, with church members hosting decorated car trunks full of treats for our trick-or-treaters! Be sure to wear your costumes! In case of inclement weather, join us inside the church for treats! Email cathy@firstpresmuncie.org to save your parking spot!

Nov. 4  Pantry Raid  
We’ll be visiting church members’ homes to raid their pantries for items for Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry. Bring items from your own pantry, too. We’ll stop somewhere for a fast food dinner (bring $$).

Oct. 31  Pack-a-Sack!  
We will assemble 100 sack lunches for Harvest Soup Kitchen.

Nov. 18  No meeting

Nov. 25  Christmas is coming!  
Hanging of the Green; Advent Workshop prep

2013 TRIENNIUM theme “I AM” …
Triennium participants will explore, each day, one of the significant “I am” metaphors from the gospels. Jesus used the “I am” images to help the rookie disciples understand his purpose, depth of care, everlasting presence and wide redemptive love.

Who can attend?
High school age youth who attends a Cumberland Presbyterian church or a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Youth = entering high school freshmen through graduated seniors.

For more information...
Check out http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org or talk to current Branches who attended Triennium in 2010: Jack Alexander, Megan Brown, Lucas Clay, Mackenzie Clinger. Registration will take place in January 2013!

‘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
**Vinedressers Update**

Watch for our tomatoes in the north lobby! The proceeds from our harvest will go to the First Presbyterian Church account at Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this youth mission project.

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**Hola, Amigos! We welcome preschoolers and elementary students to Fiesta!**

**Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, and 24**

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**Bible Points and Stories:**
- **Week 1:** Jesus is our friend. Men bring their friend to Jesus for healing (Luke 5:17-25)
- **Week 2:** Jesus is our life. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44).
- **Week 3:** Jesus is our leader. Jesus chooses his first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22).
- **Week 4:** Jesus is our helper. Ananias helps Saul (Acts 9:1-19).

Call (289-4431) or email (Cathy@firstpresmuncie.org) to register!!

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**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 her helper 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. Children’s Worship Center, held in Youth Hall, is a way to be in worship with young children. It 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 grade with Jeff & Tracy Clinger**
- **Room 23 (on the stage):** 6th-12th graders with Aaron & Jacqueline Burton

**We are combining our elementary classes into a single class taught by Jeff and Tracey Clinger in Room 104. We have purchased a new curriculum called The One Room Sunday School. It provides comprehensive Bible study, application of Bible lessons and a variety of age-appropriate activities.**
Attention: All Artists & Crafters!

First Presbyterian Church
Art Exhibit
Sunday, October 21, 2012
sharing & celebrating God’s creative gifts

The Friday, October 12, entry deadline is coming up quickly, so don’t delay! More information/entry forms are available at the information desk and from the FPC website home page.

Trunk ‘n’ Treat
Wednesday, October 31st
5-7 pm

Plan now to join us for First Pres’ “Trunk ‘n’ Treat” on Wednesday, October 31st from 5-7 pm. This event is designed especially for kids through 5th grade, with church members hosting decorated car trunks full of treats for our trick-or-treaters! Be sure to wear your costumes! In case of inclement weather, join us inside the church for treats!

Trunk hosts, call 289-4431 or email cathy@firstpresmuncie.org to save your spot in the parking lot!

Salvation Army Pantry Needs

PANTRY ITEM FOR OCTOBER: SPAGHETTI & SPAGHETTI SAUCE.

Please place your donation(s) in the cart in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to serve at the pantry for 12:45-3:00 pm shifts. Please sign up on the bulletin board behind the information desk!

From the Green Living Team:
DISPOSING OF OLD MEDICATIONS

Do you know where your old medications end up?
Criminals • Children • Wildlife

Don’t flush!

Properly dispose of your unused and expired medications at:
Delaware County TRIAD’s Medication Collection
October 19th & 20th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Delaware County Fairgrounds and Heekin Park Fire Station

Check out the new FPC website!
(Same url address, new look!)
www.firstpresmuncie.org
The Importance of Being Mom

A young lad might not admit it, but the most important person in his life is his mother. In *What a Difference a Mom Makes* (306.874 LEMA) author Kevin Leman tells moms how they can have a positive impact on their son from the moment they first hold him until he goes off to college.

A boy wants to please his mom, and he cares what she thinks. These deep-felt needs give moms great influence, according to the author. He offers advice on numerous topics including handling sibling squabbles, discipline, and the tumultuous teen years.

Kevin Leman is a psychologist who has written many books on family relationships.

Becoming a Follower of Jesus

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hailed as one of the most important theologians of the 20th Century. One of his most important books has been re-issued in paperback.

In *The Cost of Discipleship* (241.5 BONH), the author draws upon the Sermon on the Mount to offer a definition of grace that must be sought again and again. Grace demands sacrifice and ethical consistency.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor who opposed Hitler and his Nazi regime. He was arrested in 1943 and executed in 1945.

Relief from Headaches

If you’d like to relieve a headache without popping a pill, Lisa Morrone has some advice for you. She believes that pain relief can be achieved with exercises and lifestyle adjustments.

She explains the process in *Overcoming Headaches and Migraines* (616.8 MORR). She offers help to find the source of head pain and pinpointing and avoiding the “triggers” that prompt head pain. A physical therapist, Ms. Morrone’s book is based on her experience of more than 20 years experience as a practitioner, teacher, and researcher.

IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INFO:  DID YOU KNOW...

...that during the week, both sides of all outside lanes are designated parking areas only for BSU dorm and food service workers who pay for a Mon.-Fri. parking pass? The middle 2 lanes in the north lot and the lane closest to the church in the west lot are designated for church use Mon.-Fri.; please use these spaces when at the church during the week. See flyer on the information desk bulletin board for a map showing these areas. Also, please observe the handicapped and "no parking on circle" signs at all times. Thank you!

...that the parking resurfacing and striping project is still in process due to weather delays? The church office will send out notices if/when major areas of the parking lot will be affected. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!
First Presbyterian Church reaching out to students who have come here and to our own student members away at school.

The first College Ministry Committee meeting was held on September 11, chaired by Elder Myron Earhart and attended by church members and college students alike! Many great ideas were generated to continue and strengthen current outreach and to develop new ways to minister to college students.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN DIFFERENT WAYS!

Eat 'N' Run
Cooks and Hosts Needed
Contact: Christy Wauzzinski (cbwauzzinski@bsu.edu)

College Ministry Committee
Join us or send your ideas
Contacts: Myron Earhart (earhartcm@yahoo.com), Pastor Laura (LSherwood@firstprensmuncie.org)

Staying Involved with Our Students Away at School
We need members to sponsor and put together care packages, homecoming holiday events, become facebook friends.
Contacts: Cathy Alexander cathy@firstprensmuncie.org, Pastor Laura (LSherwood@firstprensmuncie.org)