Sprint runners know what it’s like to carefully position their starting blocks as they get ready to race. There is a bit of science to the placement of the pads. Most experts agree that the front pad should be locked into place between two and two and a quarter feet from the starting line. The back pad should be one foot beyond the front pad. Well-placed blocks bring advantage to the runner, and what one does coming out of the blocks makes all the difference. The beginning of the race is key to the end of the race.

Jesus’ resurrection is the blocks from which he springs into a life no one imagined possible. Betrayed, arrested, tried, humiliated, crucified, dead and buried, everyone . . . repeat, everyone . . . thought that was the end. The grave was decidedly, definitively not the end. Bursting out of the tomb, the fully alive Jesus enters into a series of steps that set faith and life in a whole new light.

As we pick up the story following the resurrection, we take a look at the first six events on this side of the grave. Jesus’ followers found themselves in new territory. What we learn from those events can place us in new territory as well. May those early steps of resurrection faith inspire us to move forward boldly with Jesus each and every day.

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Confirmation in a 1st Century Village Context - An Intergenerational Experience.

A Jesus way of life, anywhere in the world, in any time frame, is firmly rooted in a Jewish 1st century village life context. Our 2017 Confirmation Experience is going to be a whole church, intergenerational adventure focused on, and built around, our confirmands as the key players for the whole "village."

Over a seven week period, with five Sunday morning village learning experiences, participants will be part of a learning experience that begins with the broadest of strokes of God’s work in the world, through all of human history, and ends with how we are called to live by faith in 2017 in the greater Muncie area and the rest of the world. Please join us, beginning April 23, for this intergenerational experience that is sure to have a lasting impact on the whole "village."
Third Thursday

Everyone is welcome for lunch and fellowship in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon. The cost is $3.00.

April 20

The Harry Truman 1948 Whistle Stop Campaign
The greatest Political Campaign of All Times

Speaker: Rich Harris
To register call the church office
(765-289-4431)
or email office@firstpresmuncie.org

2017 Salvation Army

Food Pantry Volunteer

Volunteers will be needed from
3:00 pm until approximately 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.
Please arrive no later than 2:45 pm
The Food Pantry begins at
1:00 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Please arrive no later than 12:45 pm
Two volunteers are needed each day.

To volunteer there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board
behind the information desk, or email Cathy Alexander at
Cathy@firstpresmuncie.org.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Lewis Gishler Scholarship

Applications for the Lewis Gishler Scholarship
are available at the information desk.
We also need volunteers for the Gishler Golf Outing on September 10.
Please contact Don Black or
the church office for more details.

For more information, please visit our website www.firstpresmuncie.org

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