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."

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.

April 30
Guest preacher: Ron Naylor
"How to Stay Alive All Your Life" - John 15:5-17

Celebration of Rev. Dr. Ron Naylor as Pastor Emeritus
A reception with light refreshments between services and after 11:00 am service, will be prepared for those who wish to greet Ron.
Liturgists
Liturgists for 8:30 am & 11:00 am services are needed.
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, or contact the church office at office@firstpesmuncie.org (765) 289-4431. We have open spots for the month of May and June.

Citizens for Our South View
Upcoming dates for the monthly South View Food Pantry are:
April 27, May 25.
To volunteer, please email Cathy Alexander: cathy@firstpresmuncie.org

The Fishers High School choir is giving a free concert in our sanctuary at 7:00 next Friday, April 28, 2017. The concert is free and open to the public.

PCM Cookout!
College Students End of Year Cookout come to the First Pres Church Courtyard at 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

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.

Save the Date! May 20th
All Church Picnic
11 am — 3 pm
Church Parking lot

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