**New Opportunities for Spiritual Growth at First Pres!**

**First: “EZ Advent”**

An angel appears to a First Century Jew with a message about a baby and God’s salvation. The response is, “How can this be?” There’s an unusual pregnancy. A boy is born. No, this isn’t Mary and Joseph and Jesus. It’s Elizabeth and Zechariah and John. It’s an amazing story enveloping First Century culture, social dynamics, Old Testament expectations and the very real lives of a couple who love God. Plan to join the conversation on Wednesday nights starting November 29th and running through December 20th at 7:00 PM. We’re calling this study, “EZ Advent” for the principal parties. We’ll find it more than “easy” as we delve into rich meaning in this rather neglected part of the Christmas story.

**Second: “The Journey”**

In one of the letters of Paul he writes, “... we must grow up in every way... into Christ.” This begs the questions, “Am I growing like this? What can I do to grow more?”

You are invited to be part of a brand new opportunity starting in January. Two different “Journey” groups are being formed under the leadership of Pat and Laura Smith. The Journey is a meaningful walk with a group of adults guided by three questions: “Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?” As Pat has shared, these three questions encompass the life of faith to which we are all called.

Please contact Pat (rpatsmith@gmail.com) or Laura (knappkin76@gmail.com) for more information about this personal journey through study, contemplation and conversation to a rich and full life with Christ. Starting the second week in January, one group will meet on Thursday evenings and the other on Tuesday mornings. Pat and Laura will be glad to share more as you consider this opportunity.

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**3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday, December 9 from 8:30-11:00 am.**

Breakfast will be catered by VKA Kitchen and Catering, a craft for the children and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be enjoyed by all.

Reserve your spot by Sunday December 3, by calling the office or emailing at office@firstpresmuncie.org.

The cost is packages of washable markers.

All donations will go to support the preschool in Mella, Dominican Republic.
TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRST PRES

With new people investing in our ministry and expressing interest in becoming members, we are providing a series of four classes for everyone who would like to know more about our church. Some of us who have invested in ministry for many years but never joined are also welcome to participate in this inquirers experience.

The classes started on November 5th and will continue on subsequent Sundays, the 12th and 19th and December 3rd. Topics include key elements about our beliefs, history and current ministry in our church, community and world.

Participants meet in the Conference Room from 9:45-10:30 each of these Sundays. Please contact the church office to register your intent to participate or contact Pat Smith or Clara Rice for more details.

Our Mission Team is looking for 10 individuals / families who would like to spread holiday cheer at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Food baskets will be assembled at the church, and volunteers are needed to deliver them as follows:

Christmas Baskets  December 17

Please contact Janie Miller at 765-289-3652 or email janiem13@att.net for more information, or to sign up to be a basket deliverer. This is especially fun for families or for 2 or 3 friends together.

PLEDGE CARDS for 2018 are still available at the information desk and from the church office. If you have not received a pledge card, please pick one up or call the church office and return your pledge as soon as possible. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING is now available at firstpresmuncie.org under the Stewardship tab! If you have questions about using this feature, contact Jacqueline Burton (748-7450).

Salvation Army Pantry Item For November: CEREAL.

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

2017 Flower Calendar
If you wish to provide flowers for a Sunday worship service, please sign up on the Flower Calendar posted behind the information desk. You will be contacted in advance of the date you request.

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