LET’S WELCOME GRACE VILLAGE 
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

By now, you may have heard that there are some new residents in the building. Grace Village Campus Ministry now happily calls First Pres home. Grace Village has been serving Ball State as a campus ministry for over 50 years now! And, they are glad to be serving alongside First Presbyterian Church in this new chapter of their ministry.

Formerly known as the Lutheran Center, Grace Village is a campus ministry that is supported by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and their partner The Episcopal Church (TEC). Conversations for combined ministry between Grace Village and First Pres began five years ago when Pastor Kirk Johnston approached Pastor Robert Abner about the possibility of the two ministries working together. A wonderful proposal was written and presented to the Session at First Pres, where it was warmly received. After Kirk left, Robert consistently kept in touch with Myron Earhart and the two took advantage of a few opportunities to work together over the years.

When Ball State asked Grace Village to sell them their property on Martin Street, Robert wondered if there would be space for the ministry at First Pres and if they could solidify their partnership more formally. The answer was yes, so Grace Village worked with First Pres to draft an agreement to work together as a Lutheran-Episcopal-Presbyterian campus ministry serving all of the students at Ball State University. Two autonomous church bodies, working together to make Christ known on the BSU campus.

You can expect hear more about Grace Village in the upcoming months. They will host weekly Bible Study on Monday evenings, weekly worship services on Thursday evenings, and various other programming. If you see Pastor Robert, Administrative Assistant Loretta, or Peer Minister Jefferson around, don’t hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself!

HEARTS AND HANDS UNITED:
BACKPACK AND SHOE GIVEAWAY

This year, instead of crayons for the backpacks, we have been asked to donate pairs of boys’/kids’ size 13 athletic shoes ($10-15 at Walmart). You can purchase shoes and bring it to the office, or write a check to the church (put Hearts & Hands United-shoes on the memo line).

Shoes or donations are needed by tomorrow, July 24.

The Backpack and Shoe Giveaway is July 29th (Delaware County Fairgrounds/Memorial Building) at 10 am. For more information, see Cathy Alexander, or email at cathy@firstpresmuncie.org

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK EVENTS WITH REV. PAT.
“Summer Light Garden Conversations”

A two parts gathering, every Wednesday until August 30th.

Starting with a self-provided picnic meal at 5:30 pm
All friends present join in a conversation that Rev. Pat will facilitate at 6:15 pm.
Each week, the topics for discussion will be a continued focus from Rev. Pat’s Sunday’s Sermon on the Mount series.
Sermon Series: Summer Light

This summer, we explore what Jesus said to a large group of people on a Galilean hilltop one day as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, one of the guys who was there. As we interact with this "sermon on the mount," we'll be as challenged in similar ways as Matthew and the rest of the people when they heard what Jesus had to say. Just like them, we'll get a glimpse at life as God intends.

- **July 30**  "Our Hearts' Desires"  Matthew 6:19-24
- **August 6**  "A Perfect Point of View"  Matthew 7:1-6
- **August 13**  "The Essence of Life"  Matthew 7:7-12
- **August 20**  "A Particular Way"  Matthew 7:13-14

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

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Asher John and Sunaina are coming back to Muncie!

In a recent email Asher wrote: "Sunaina has been accepted into a PhD program at Ball State in Educational Studies. Her younger sister (Sarah) has also been accepted at Ball State in MA (Creative Writing) program. All three of us will come to the US at the end of July or early August.

I will stay only for two weeks and help them settle in and then go back to Pakistan to continue teaching at Forman Christian College, Lahore."

Asher needs to stay in Pakistan for three more months to fulfill his Fulbright Scholarship residency requirements, but he will join them in December.

Sunaina and Sarah will need furniture, pots and pans, dishes, linens, etc. for their apartment at Ball State.

Please contact Aileen Howard at 765-273-7178 or howard.aileen@gmail.com if you have any items you could donate to them.

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**Dee Dahi Day**

Women’s Book Study & Prayer Group

*July’s gathering will be on Friday, July 28th, at 11:30 am, at Elks Lodge (909 N Country Road 500 W)*

For more information, please contact Carol Watkins at 765-759-8009

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**Stand Down for Homeless Veterans**

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A tub will be in the north lobby for donations until September 1. Gently used or new men’s clothing items to be collected donations include: flannel shirts, sweatshirts, fleece shirts, fleece jackets, coats, jackets, jeans, rain ponchos, boxer shorts, lounge pajama bottoms.

Also needed are gently used or new fleece throws/blankets, blankets, quilts, comforters, small tarps to protect items from weather or use outdoors, washcloths and hand towels.

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