WEDNESDAY’S BIBLE CONVERSATIONS
EAVESDROPPING ON JESUS: WHAT’S HE REALLY UP TO?

Participants will look at each text of the “Life Clues” sermon series the week before that text is preached. The series explores deep conversations Jesus has with various people and the miracles recorded in John’s Gospel.

Everyone is invited to these stimulating conversations in the Lounge, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. starting on January 10.

Third Thursday

Everyone is welcome for lunch and fellowship in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 18, at 12:00 noon.

America’s German heritage and the high percentage of US citizens with German ancestry.

Speaker: Tom Schwartz

The cost is $3.00. RSVP by Monday, January 15, by calling the church office at (765-289-4431) or email office@firstprespuncie.org to register.

VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES SLEEPING ROOM

From Sunday, January 28th to Saturday, February 3rd our church will prepare and serve meals to men at Christian Ministries.

Breakfast is from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and dinner is from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
at their Sleeping Room upstairs at 401 E. Main Street.

Please come with a friend and bring a prepared dish or cook food which is there.
Sign-up sheets will be at the information desk. Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 21, between services in the sanctuary.

All members are encouraged to attend!

Church Officers Orientation Meeting
Saturday, January 27, at 9 a.m.
2018 DORCAS BASKETS

In December, 2014, Carrie Jo Miller, Barry Sumner (Zionsville PC), and I had the privilege to travel to the Dominican Republic to visit Iglesia Evangélica Church leaders in the south-west corner of the country. This part of the Dominican Republic (DR) is six hours from the capital of Santo Domingo and very close to the Haitian border. According to PCUSA missionary, Jo Ella Holman, this area of the DR is the poorest part of the country and the least served by outside groups.

During our visit, we met with several pastors, their families and church leaders. It was a wonderful experience and we got to know fellow believers who have an incredible faith and spirit. We were uplifted by their love of God, their worship and focus on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in their communities.

At the church in Jaquimeyes, Pastora Alfreda told us how the women of the church help each other with “Dorcas baskets”. Many of you will recognize Dorcas from Acts 9:36. “Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.” For a Dorcas basket, each woman donates a food item (valued at 50 pesos or less) for the basket. Then, a woman is chosen to receive the Dorcas basket. Why does the Jaquimeyes church do this? A Dorcas basket helps supplement what the family is able to buy and eases the burden of feeding a family.

We also heard from the women of Pastora Alfreda’s church about how difficult it is to acquire basic craft items (crayons, glue sticks, etc) for children’s activities, such as vacation Bible school. As we were brainstorming with the church leaders, we came up with the idea to provide a Dorcas basket of craft items for each of the churches we visited.

This is where we need your help! Our Presbytery goal is to make 11 VBS Craft Dorcas Baskets. Please donate items from the list below. Various teams from our Presbytery will take the baskets to the DR. The deadline for donations is February 4.

Thank you in advance for your donations! Cathy Alexander

Needed supplies:

- Staplers and staples
- Bottles of Elmer’s glue
- Single hole punches
- Rolls of scotch tape
- Packages of 11 x 17 brown construction paper
- Stickers
- Skeins of yarn (any color)
- Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- Brown paper lunch sacks (120)
- Packages of white card stock
- Self-stick heart shaped stickers (need 1000s!)
- 6 X 9 manila mailing envelopes (need 120)
- 100 ft boxes of aluminum foil

* Note: We have enough supplies of washable markers and crayons. Thank you for your support!

Salvation Army Pantry Item For January:

Soups and Crackers

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

Dee Dah Day Women’s Book Study & Prayer Group

Friday, January 26 at 9 a.m. in the Lounge

All are welcome!

Flower Calendar 2018

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.