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.

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:
- Washable markers and crayons
- 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
Volunteers are always welcome!

Kitchen volunteers at 12:30 to 3:00 pm - Delivery drivers at 2:30 pm

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board, behind the information desk.

We need Liturgists

Liturgists for the 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 office@firstpresmuncie.org or call 765-289-4431.

Readings for the week will be emailed to you or a copy can be picked up in the office.

Thank you!

Ministry Guild
Will meet on Monday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m.
in the church lounge.
Please join us as we plan for the year!

Support our South View Food Pantry
Volunteers are welcome to distribute food at South View from 4:45 to 7:00 on the following dates:
January 25  February 22  March 22
April 26  May 24

Email Cathy Alexander if you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry!
cathy@firstpresmuncie.org

For more information, please visit our website