Happenings - April 8, 2018

Sunday Morning Adult Education Series:
Parables and Christian Imagination

In a return engagement, Jason Knapp of Anderson will present a four-week series for our adult class, meeting in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:30 starting on April 8. Mr. Knapp is a studio artist, scholar and retired university professor. A native Nebraskan, he has invested widely from Kansas to California, Japan to Tanzania, in a family farm and in Presbyterian churches.

In this series, Jason identifies Jesus’ teaching, as chronicled in the Gospels, as imagination-rich, calling for the most personal participation of those who hear his voice. We will explore the role of imagination in Christian experience and discipleship. We will consider some of Jesus’ parables, look at some interesting works of art representing biblical texts, hear some powerful stories of Christian faith, and discuss the challenges contemporary Christians face imagining ourselves as followers of Jesus.

First Presbyterian Church
“Third” Thursday Luncheon
(fourth Thursday, this time only)
April 26

Everyone is welcome for lunch and fellowship in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon.

Speaker: Ambassador Pamela E. Bridgewater (ret.)

To register, call the church office (765-289-4431) or email office@firstpresmuncie.org by Monday, April 23rd. The cost is $5.00.

Our speaker will be Pam Bridgewater, a former U.S. ambassador who served in diplomatic postings on several continents. She will talk about her experiences in interpreting and implementing U.S. foreign policy and why diplomacy matters, especially in today’s world. She will be introduced by Janie Miller, who was a colleague and is a friend of Ambassador Bridgewater.

Beyond I CAN

Ministry Guild is collecting the following items for Beyond I CAN:

- Clay
- Glue
- Yarn
- Stickers
- Ink Pads
- Magazines
- Scotch Tape
- Newspapers
- Craft Stamps
- Paint Brushes
- Pottery Tools
- Scrap Wood
- Cookie Cutters
- Cardstock Paper
- Plastic Storage Containers
- New Greeting Cards
- Recycled Greeting Cards
- Any Type of Scrapbooking Materials
- Old Used Jewelry with Metal Charms
- Paint
- Terre Cotta Flower Pots
- Large and Unique sizes

The purpose of Beyond I CAN is to create jobs and experiences that allow individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to operate a business with assistance from volunteers.

Please put your donations in the tub basket located in the North Lobby.
INVITING ELDERS TO SERVE COMMUNION

The Worship and Religious Arts Committee is responsible for recruiting elders to serve communion monthly and at some special services. We want to create a list of elders who are not currently serving on Session but who would like to serve communion occasionally as needed. If you have been ordained as an elder and would like to be on this list, please send me an email at jmoll@comcast.net and I’ll add your name and your preferred email address to the list. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

Jon Moll, Moderator, Worship and Religious Arts Committee

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You are cordially invited to attend a

**DUO-HARPSICHORD RECITAL IN THE CHAPEL OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Saturday, April 14, at 3 p.m.**

Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Muncie Chapter, artists Rebecca Burkart and Thomas Gerber, playing their own instruments, will present a variety of solo music as well as the Indiana premiere of a concerto for two harpsichords.

Both performers teach harpsichord and music history, Thomas, at universities in Indianapolis; Rebecca, at Ball State.

The program is free and open to the public.

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

**Lewis Gishler Scholarship**

Applications for the Lewis Gishler Scholarship will be available at the information desk or at the church office.

The deadline for submission is May 1st, 2018.

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**Save the Date**

Fishers High School Choir is coming to First Presbyterian Church again!

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

Come and enjoy the performance of these talented young singers.

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**Salvation Army Pantry Item For April:**

**Pasta and Sauces**

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

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**Dee Dah Day**

Women’s Book Study & Prayer Group

The women’s fellowship is currently studying the book:

**THE GIFT OF YEARS - GROWING OLDER GRACEFULLY**

by Joan Chittister

Our next meeting is this Friday, April 13, at 9 a.m. in the Lounge.

We start with coffee and snacks!

*Join us. All are welcome!*

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Ottinger at 765-289-4080 or email lkbaott59@comcast.net

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**Hirons’ Salvation Army Food Pantry needs help!**

Please help replenish this fund which purchases food for the pantry beyond individual donations.

Checks to FPC, memo Hirons. Thank You!

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