All are welcome!

Reservations are due to Linda Green - 765-744-5979 or lgreenern@aol.com by Tuesday, May 22.

Dee Dah’s Spring gathering will be at the Delaware Country Club, on Friday, May 25, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

Women’s Book Study & Prayer

FPC is introducing our New Organist

Peter Douglas is in high demand as a collaborative pianist and organist throughout Indiana and Ohio. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Arts in Piano Chamber Music and Accompanying at Ball State University and studies piano with Ray Kilburn.

Peter is also an active church musician and has served previously as Senior Choral Scholar (Assistant Choirmaster) for Grace Episcopal Church in Muncie, IN; Associate Organist for St. Mary Catholic Church in Wooster, OH; Director of Music (Choirmaster and Organist) for Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) in Euclid, OH; and Organist/Contemporary Music Director at Dalton Presbyterian Church in Dalton, OH.

Peter is also a choral conductor and composer; he was commissioned in August 2016 to compose an anthem for the centennial celebration of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wooster, OH. Peter is thrilled to join the First Presbyterian Church music ministry!

Join us in welcoming Peter in our Sunday service on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

Hot Off the Press: 2018 Summer Garden Conversations Return!

Take note of this wonderful summer series where you’ll find:

- A safe place.
- An opportunity to reflect.
- The privilege of time.
- Community with others.
- An invitation to step into a mid-week gathering that is relaxed and open, for First Pres folks and all others.
- A time to explore your life and the gracious love of God.

Each Wednesday in June and July (except the July 4th holiday), everyone is invited to come to the First Pres Garden that fronts Riverside Avenue to experience all these elements in a relaxed and meaningful way. We’ll start gathering at 5:30 for food (bring your own) and visiting (bring your own chair or blanket). At 6:15, we’ll walk into a conversation about God, ourselves and what God might desire to do through us. 7:00 is the time we will wind things up.

The basis of our sharing will be the booklet “Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey”. It is a series of brief reflections and invitational questions that touch on themes surrounding the idea of a Jesus-focused life that can be transformative for all of us. The writers indicate, “What will be tucked into these conversations is sacred ground, an invitation to explore life and living well.” The material also draws us into themes raised in the Bible’s book of Ephesians which is the basis of this summer’s sermon series, “Our True Home.”

Everyone who intends to come to some or all of these Garden Conversations should have a book and be ready to spend twenty-thirty minutes of preparation time each of the seven weeks in order to get the full benefit of each conversation. Please contact the church office by May 29th (office@firstpresmuncie.org or 765-289-4431) to reserve a book. Cost is $5.00 payable when you get your book starting on the first Wednesday of the series on June 6th.

Every minute we spend together exploring the things of God and our lives gives us more and more opportunity to see what God is up to and join in that work. We hope this includes Wednesday evenings in these Garden Conversations this summer.
YOU (members and friends of First Pres) are invited to the Second Bearing Fruit Weekend June 8-10 in Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Deb Mitchell’s proposed weekend retreat sounds exciting, uplifting and relevant to where we are as a congregation.

Schedule: Friday evening theme: Assessing. 6-9 pm. Dinner will be provided. Keynote presentation and activities.

Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm. Lunch and continental breakfast provided.
9 - noon: Workshop #1 Theme: Adapting to Change.
1 - 4 pm: Workshop #2 Theme: Becoming.

Sunday Morning: Rev. Mitchell will preach at both services on the theme of Doing.

Rev. Deb Mitchell, a Presbyterian minister will facilitate the weekend. She has a wonderful life story. Born in Ft. Wayne, she attended Purdue and worked her way up the corporate ladder to become a VP at AT&T. Sensing a deeper call, she graduated from seminary and became the director of Presbyterian Urban Ministries in the San Diego Presbytery where she worked with the needy and homeless. She also became a specialist in revitalizing existing churches and worked with 6 different Presbyterian churches in San Diego. Two of those churches later hired her as an interim pastor. She and her husband, Mitch, recently returned to Indiana and live in Indianapolis.

Please call Gabby to reserve your spot for the Second Bearing Fruit Weekend by June 4. (We need to order food for the event) 765-289-4431 or office@firstpresmuncie.org. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Harvesters Committee

Find Your Voice!

Have you always wondered what it’s like to sing in the Chancel Choir but didn’t want the extra time commitment? We have an offer for you!

During the month of May, the choir meets each Sunday at 10:30 to learn an anthem for the 11:00 service. No mid-week rehearsal.

Anyone with previous choral experience is welcome to join the May Choir.
Contact Kerry Glann to express interest. kglann@bsu.edu

Anyone interested in providing Special Music for summer services (8:30 & 11:00, June – August) should look for a sign-up sheet in the Choir Room in the coming weeks.

SING FOR PEACE

A series of community sing-alongs will kick off at 2 p.m. May 20 at Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams St. All peace-singing events are free and open to the public.

A special year-long program, “A Year of Singing for Peace” is intended to build a sense of community and caring. No musical training or experience is necessary. Lyrics, music and leadership, and refreshments will be provided.

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