CALLING all our church members!

The Church Nominating Committee (CNC) needs your participation. Please take a moment to find and read the insert in the worship bulletin regarding nominees to form the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). We appreciate that before filling the requested information on the form, you pray and meditate about your answers.

Once you are ready to submit the filled form, you may give it to one of the CNC members, mail it, or bring it to the church office during business hours.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND COMMUNION

On Wednesday March 6, at 6:00 p.m. we will serve a simple meal followed by a communion service at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and confirm your attendance by Monday, March 4th. You may call the church office at 765-289-4431 or by email at office@firstpresmuncie.org

LENTEN MUSIC

As we move through the season of Lent, our worship will take on a more subdued tone. In particular, our music at the 10:00 service will reflect a pairing down, with a new and yet ancient response to confession, the voice of the choir heard in different ways, and hymns that are meditative in nature. There will be less pomp and circumstance, more introspection.

DORCAS BASKETS!

In coordination with other churches in our Presbytery, we are collecting items for 12 Dorcas baskets to take to the Dominican Republic for summer VBS. These items will reach 1,440 children in "our" region of the Dominican Republic. Of course, one suitcase of supplies will be earmarked for Mella. Items will be collected until March 18.

Here are the needed items:
Luggage with wheels (not a carry-on...a larger size that would be checked), Staplers with staples, Scotch tape (with plastic dispenser), Bag of beans, Brown construction paper, Yellow or orange crepe paper/streamers, Green crepe paper/streamers, Foam sheets (12"x9"), Rolls of plastic lacing (100 yards each), Foam stickers (religious symbols, no English), Skeins of red yarn, 120 Zip-lock sandwich ziplock baggies to hold puzzle pieces, Rolls of string (minimum 240 feet). Muchas Gracias!

Daylight Saving Time! Sunday March 10, 2019.

SPRING FORWARD IS HERE!

On Saturday, March 9th, set your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed. Don’t be late for church.
**Ministry Guild continues collecting crafting items for Beyond I CAN:**

Bring anything that can be used or repurposed: Magazines, newspapers, crafting materials, jewelry, paint, glue, yarn, old and new greeting cards, stickers, paint brushes, terracotta flower pots, cardstock paper, scotch tape, etc.

Beyond I CAN creates jobs and experiences that allow individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to operate a business with assistance from volunteers.

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**Beyond I CAN**

The Bowling Green State University Men’s Chorus under the direction of Dr. Richard Schnipke will perform a concert in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Dubbed “America’s Finest Singing Machine,” the chorus of approximately 70 singers will visit Muncie as part of their annual spring break tour. The concert is free and open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken to assist with the chorus’s travel expenses.

In hosting this concert, we need to provide overnight housing for the singers. If you are willing to serve as a host family for 2 or more gentlemen, please sign up on the sheets found in the choir room or on the announcements desk or contact Kerry Glann (kglann@bsu.edu) directly. Host responsibilities are to take the guests home after the concert, provide breakfast the next morning, and return them to the church by an certain time to meet their tour bus. Two singers can share a larger bed (e.g. queen/king). Sofa beds are also acceptable.

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**FOR NURSE CHERYL:**

Like most teachers, the nurse buys items she needs out of her own pocket once she has exhausted her supply. Bev Wilson made a list of needed supplies: band aids, hand sanitizer, large or extra-large disposable gloves, Clorox wipes, cotton balls, Bactine spray, thin feminine pads, and Post-it notes or small note pads. Please put anything you’d like to donate in the South View box in the North Lobby.

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR SOUTH VIEW ELEMENTARY!**

March Prayer Calendars are now available at the South View bulletin board in the North Lobby. Please stop by, take one home, and remember to pray for all of our efforts with South View.

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**Women’s Book Study & Prayer Group**

We continue to study “The Gift of Years--Growing Older Gracefully” by Joan Chittister. We will meet on Friday, Friday, March 8 and Friday, March 22 at 9:00 in the Church Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Ottinger at 289-4080 or lkbaott59@comcast.net.

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