**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.

**Adult/Youth Spiritual Growth Class in Fellowship Hall**

from 8:45 to 9:45 am every Sunday

**Adult Sunday Class: “First Pres Vital Signs”**

by: Pat Smith

It’s a great time for an annual “spiritual,” a conversational assessment about our overall health as the people of God called First Pres! Utilizing and assessment called the “7 Marks of Vital Congregations,” we’ll explore topics like what it means to be a lifelong apprentice of Jesus, what it means to tell others about Jesus and his message, how to live for the sake of others in invested ways that truly make a difference, godly leadership, Spirit supplied worship, how to deeply care for one another and the most telling ways to be healthy organizationally.

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 7:00 PM (Pre-Concert Talk) 7:30 PM (Concert)**

**Job Suite for Organ and Narration** featuring Stephen Price, organ

**Worship and Arts Series**
**First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, Indiana**

Based on the Book of Job from the Bible, the suite, composed in 1987, consisting of eight movements with narrative passages from the biblical story outlining the order of events in Job’s life. The work involves three characters: God, the Devil, and Job. The devil makes a wager with God to test the strength of Job’s faith. Job is a devote servant of God who loses everything in sacrifice for his devotion with the reward of receiving double after the turmoil. The biblical reference states, “And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.” The story is much like Eben’s life: one of loss, pain, and suffering for one’s religious and political freedoms.

**Order of Movements:**

I. Destiny - II. Faith - III. Acceptance of Suffering - IV. Longing for Death - V. Despair and Resignation - VI. Mystery of Creation - VII. Penitence and Realization - VIII. God’s Reward

**Petr Eben (1929-2007)**

Regarded as one of the most prolific organ composers of the twentieth century, this is Eben’s 90th birth year celebration. A survivor of the Holocaust, stationed at a camp located near Buchenwald and an anti-supporter of the Communist leadership in his native land of the Czech Republic, Eben’s music reflects the political events that directly impacted his life. The struggles between his devotion to the Catholic Church, the Communist rule in his homeland, and the consequences of the Holocaust inspired the musical motifs in his works. A battle between good vs. evil and religion vs. politics are also represented in his music with Eben ultimately deciding the outcome. Toward the end of his life, Eben received numerous honors as a composer, music educator and humanitarian.
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. Please put your donations in the tub basket located in the North Lobby.

UPDATE ON INFORMATION REGARDING THE NORTH LAWN, PROPERTY OF BSU.
To all FPC church members and friends: You will start seeing more ground preparation activity by construction crews in our parking area as BSU is beginning the building work of their parking structure.

NEEDED:
Gift cards worth $10-$25 for Walmart to use as incentives for parents to enroll their children during the Kindergarten registration at Muncie Central on April 11. Drop off at the office.

The 2019 Flower Calendar is up on the Information Board!
If you wish to dedicate flowers to a loved one or for a special occasion on a Sunday worship service, please sign up on the Flower Calendar posted behind the information desk.
You will be contacted by the church office in advance of the date you request, to gather information for the Sunday bulletin.

WE NEED LITURGISTS
If you would like to serve as a Scripture reader for a Sunday service, please sign up on the bulletin board, call 765-289-4431 or email office@firstpresmuncie.org.
Readings for the week will be emailed to you by the end of the week prior to the scheduled Sunday, or a copy can be picked up in the office. Thank you!

Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church have requested an updated Church Directory.
At this time we need updated information from you to complete the project. Please fill out the enclosed form and see that it gets returned to the church office. An envelope on Gabby's desk will be available for your updated information.

To avoid misspellings, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you!

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NOTE: If you want your picture attached to your contact information in the directory, please bring it to the church office to make a copy or submit it electronically.

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