Fall Spiritual Formation Class: “Reading the Bible Like Jesus”

The Spiritual Formation Class every Sunday morning starts at 9:00 a.m. gives us an opportunity to have our understanding expanded and transformed so we can more fully grasp what the Scriptures and Jesus’ teaching meant to their original audience in an Eastern context. What we discover will allow us to read and understand the Bible with greater depth and insight for life in 21st Century Mid-America.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning at 8:45 for refreshments and visiting. We’ll get the guided conversation underway right at 9:00, and it will last until 9:45. Our primary resource will be Lois Tverberg’s book, Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus, and we will provide those books (for free!).

Calling all parents of 5th graders down to newborns!

If you are the parent of a young child and haven't met with Kate Johnston yet, please stay after this Sunday's worship for a brief time to check in about hopes and dreams for our kid's education here at First Presbyterian. We'll meet in the nursery so our kids can play and we can chat informally about plans for this year and any desires you might have as parents.

We had a great meeting a couple weeks ago and we're looking forward to continuing the conversation!

Planning Your LEGACY

We rarely come across a person who regrets having been truly generous. However, many of us wonder how to gift cash, securities, life insurance or even real estate when we do not know if our family will need these assets in the future. One solution among many is to make a gift through a bequest – a gift in your will.

Some advantages of a bequest is that it is…

- **Easy.** A few sentences in your will accomplishes the gift.
- **Versatile.** You can bequeath a specific amount, a specific item or a percentage of your estate.
- **Revocable.** Until your will takes effect, your wishes can be changed.
- **Tax Favored.** Your estate is granted an unlimited charitable deduction for charitable gifts.

Please watch for planned giving learning opportunities coming this fall from the Generosity Committee.

Take Home a Hymnal

We began using our new hymnals in our worship service on Sunday, September 8. That means we need to dispose of the 1990 hymnals we were using.

If you would like to have one or two of our 1990 hymnals, please feel free to take them from the table(s) in the hallway outside the Lounge where they will be stacked until further notice.
Fall Bible Study Opportunity

The NT book of Philippians contains some of the most memorable phrases in all of Scripture. Here are just a few of those:

* "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain."
* "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice!"
* "I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."

Though often taken out of context, these truths are closely tied to the historical reality of Paul’s situation and that of the people to whom he was writing. This eight-week study, using a guide by N.T. Wright, will help us to explore Philippians in its context as we apply its truths to our lives today. We will meet every Wednesday for eight weeks, starting on September 25, from 4:00-5:00 pm, in the Brides Room.

Contact Laura Smith by email, call, or text at knappkin76@gmail.com, 317-873-2678, with questions or to order a study guide.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Take a selfie and send it electronically to the church office or look through your photo collection and bring a picture of yourself to the office to be scanned.

We are accepting your pictures and working on putting together the directory.

The more photos that are included, the more useful it will be.

WE NEED LITURGISTS

If you would like to serve as a Scripture reader for a Sunday service, at 10:00 a.m. 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 Friday prior to the scheduled Sunday, or/and a copy will be available to be picked up at the office.

Thank you!

THE BEARING FRUIT HARVESTERS GROUP

Continues collecting donations of 4-pack toilet paper rolls for the Cardinal Kitchen.

Cardinal Kitchen is a year-round food pantry on Ball State campus that is operated by students for student’s benefit.

Please place your donations in the plastic tote located in the North Lobby.

Thank you!

Beyond I CAN

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, terra cotta 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.

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