

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE COLUMNS

JUNE 2025

Journey with Jesus

This summer many of us will take trips. Some will be on vacation, others will travel for work, and still others will be on mission trips. Wherever we go, we have the opportunity to see another part of God's world. We may see mountains or beaches, forests or deserts, cities or villages. We may encounter people who speak different languages, hold different customs, and live very different lives. There is a great big world out there, and travel has a way of opening our hearts and lives to that world.

I invite you to journey with Jesus this summer. As you travel, allow your faith to open your ears to new stories and your eyes to signs of God's grace and love. Learn a bit about the practices of Christianity and other communities of faith. Attend church in a new city. Spend time with friends and family. Meet new people and share time together. Listen to their stories and share some of your story.

Then share your journey with your church family. Send us your pictures. Share a bit about your discovery of faith and the people and places where Jesus showed up. We would all love to journey with you and hear about your experiences. We will even share some of these pictures and stories in our weekly church update. We pray that all who travel have safe journeys and that they encounter Jesus along the way.

Grace and Peace,
Daren Hofmann

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Garden Worship

June 1-August 31
8:30 AM

Bring a chair
and enjoy
Sunday Worship
in the garden!

In case of
inclement weather,
we will
worship in
the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays in the Garden

June 4-August 27
6:30 PM Fellowship
7:00 PM Bible Study

Bring a chair, a snack,
or light meal,
and join the
conversation!

In case of
inclement weather,
we will meet
in Fellowship Hall.

June Parables Wednesdays in the Garden:

June 4

"The Purpose of
the Parables"

Led by Aileen Howard

June 11

"The Barren Fig Tree"
Led by Marty Kendrick

June 18

"The Good Samaritan"
Led by Tom Schwartz

June 25

"The Mustard Seed"
Led by Jan Stratton



Pick a Parable! *Volunteers*

are needed to lead
Wednesdays in the
Garden bible study
classes in July &
August! Sign up at
the Welcome Desk.

Back by popular demand, this
summer we will discuss *more* biblical
stories from our youth and compare
our perspective from then until now.

You can pick from a list of Parables
and the date you wish to present. We
have study sources available in the
Conference Room, including
commentaries and books about the
Parables. Please see a complete list of
Parables and available dates at the
Welcome Desk.



The Gift of the Holy Spirit

You are invited to wear the color **RED** in
celebration of Pentecost Sunday,

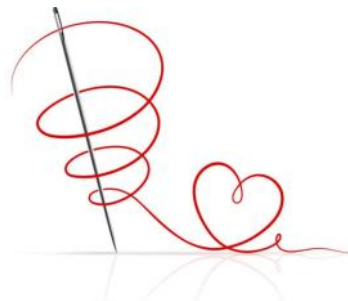
June 8th.

Church DEACONS

Zoom Meeting!

TUESDAY
JUNE 3 7:00 PM

Check your email for Zoom link.



Stitcher's Group

Crochet, cross-stitch, knit, needlepoint, sew, quilt, etc. If you don't know how, we will teach you!

Thursday June 5
9:30 AM-11:30 AM Lounge



Volunteer Opportunities!

We are looking for volunteers to join the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build for Unity teams. Teams of 6 people are needed on June 6 and June 7, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.



Our next lunch date will be
June 27th!

More details to follow
as they become available.
Please contact
Barbara Ottinger at
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for further information.

Dee Dah Day

Women's Book Study & Prayer Group

Ministry Guild



Next Meeting:

August 4th

Enjoy the
summer!

Did you know???

News from the Generosity Committee

This month I want to share with you how your generosity of **time** and **talents** helps First Pres to reach out into the Muncie community. This summer the church will be participating in the Greater Muncie, Indiana Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build for a Muncie family. The build will begin on May 31st and conclude on July 26th. First Pres will be working with Renovation Life Church on June 6th and 7th.

Why an Interfaith Build? (The following paragraph was provided by Kristin Freehill, Director of Community Engagement)

The Interfaith Build allows your congregation to put faith into action by participating in a meaningful, hands-on mission in your community. The tangible experiences that Habitat for Humanity provides allows you to engage those around you, live your faith and offer a unique opportunity to love your neighbor. Congregations will have the opportunity to deeply connect with a local family and work alongside them. This work will be done in partnership with other churches and faith organizations, creating an opportunity for groups to work across denominational, racial and religious lines to invest in a strengthened community.



In the picture to the right is Lindsey Arthur, CEO of Muncie Habitat holding the child of the family for whom the Interfaith house is being built.

Several of our church members already support the Muncie Habitat for Humanity through personal gifts, but if you have not had the opportunity to do so, we want to make you aware that Habitat is seeking to raise approximately \$25,000.00 for this build. The local group has a new fundraising platform called “JustGiving” this year. Visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/2025-interfaith-build for more information on how you can financially support this build.

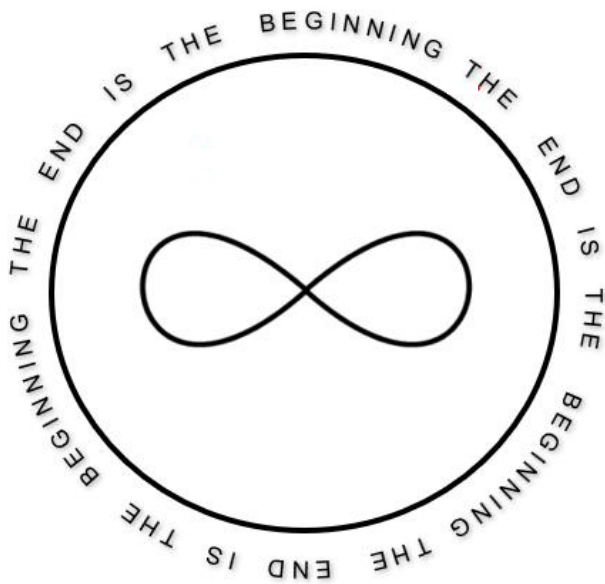


At the recent “kick off” dinner, our own Daren Hofmann, vice chair of the Muncie Habitat for Humanity board, shared information about the financial needs for this build. For your information there is an Indiana tax credit for gifts of \$1,000.00 or more. You can receive a 50% tax credit for those gifts when you file your 2025 Indiana taxes. Daren can provide you additional information about this.

In addition to financial support, the church is also looking for volunteers to help on the work site on Friday June 6th and Saturday June 7th from 9:00—2:30. If you have not already signed up, there is a sign up sheet on the church information desk. Lunch is provided for all of the volunteers. First Pres is providing the lunch on Saturday the 7th.

Thank you to the many members of this congregation who have, in the past, and continue to be a part of First Presbyterians commitment to our neighbors in Muncie.

Sue Whitaker, Moderator
Generosity Committee

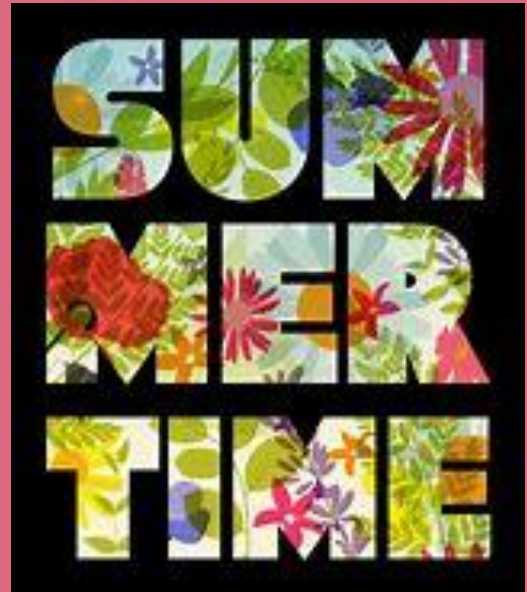


June Sermon Series

"The End is the Beginning"

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| June 1 | New Beginning
<i>Acts 1:12-17, 21-26</i> |
| June 8 | Called <i>Acts 2:1-13</i> |
| June 15 | Rev. Dr. Ronald Naylor |
| June 22 | Rev. Dr. Ronald Naylor |
| June 29 | To the Church in Corinth
<i>1 Corinthians 1:1-4</i> |

Share your summer photos!



Whether you are traveling or relaxing at home, we would love to see your summer photos and hear your stories. Please

submit photos to

office@firstpresmuncie.org

in jpeg format.



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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES:

- 8:30 a.m. Garden Worship Service (June, July, August)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Children's Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. International Congregation Service, Chapel

The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is available online via our church website, Facebook page, and First Pres Church YouTube channel.



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