



e-News

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JULY HYMN SINGS--JOIN US FOR OUR TRADITIONAL HYMN SINGS TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE 9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY.

***Worship This Sunday, July 17. Believe it or not, summer can be a very busy season for church ministry. And why is that? The schools are out for vacation, and that frees up so many kids and youth for a lot of good ministry. Twenty-two kids from our neighborhood are playing soccer this week through our Future Champs Sports Camps, learning and working on new skills and also learning about Jesus and his team of disciples. Next Monday eleven of our youth, together with three adults, are going on a week-long mission trip to Mingo County, West Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and work with the local team. You can follow their progress on the web by following their blog: <https://firstpresmissiontrips.wordpress.com>. These types of ministry are essential to who we are as a church, not only because they help us connect with the heart and vision of Christian life but also because it helps prepare a new generation of servant-minded youth to give back and invest in the people around us.

How are you doing this summer? Do you have the energy, purpose, and direction you need for your journey of life and faith? Come and worship with us as we think about "What feeds your life?" in our sermon series this July. This Sunday Jim Mullins is preaching on "Read Deeply, Breathe Deeply: The Bible." The scripture passages for the sermon are Psalm 19:7-14 and II Timothy 3:14-17.

May the Lord watch over you and strengthen you in Christ Jesus that you may abound in faith, hope, love, and joy wherever you go this week. -- Bo

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Anna Johnson

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Class This Sunday:

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Woodruff Lounge (Room 201) with Jim Mullins

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Dinner Out--July 19, 6 p.m. at Little Joe's Famous Pizza, 1300 N. Cedar Rd., New Lenox;

RSVP Mary Haas at 815-524-4624 or Sis Schmidt at 815-725-0544

Men's Dinner Group--July 22, 6 p.m. at Old Town Restaurant, 113 Stephen, Lemont;

RSVP Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616

Golf 4 Fun--Sundays at 6 p.m. at Wedgewood G.C.

Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the narthex

Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

***Mission:

Night Deacons Summer Food Service Program--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tanzania Mission Trip--if you are interested in going on our 2017 mission trip to Angel House Mission in Tanzania, please contact Clarence Red at redorthodon@gmail.com

***From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Come and Worship with our Area Joliet Churches United For Christ. The opening afternoon for the entire series of services is this Saturday, July 16, with a cookout at 3:30 p.m. and reception for the Mayor and City Council at 4:00 p.m. at the East Side location: 224 S. Chicago Street.

Here's the schedule for all of the outreach worship services, July 16-30. There will be one week of outreach worship services on the East Side of Joliet and one week on the West Side of Joliet.

Worship July 16-22 at 224 S. Chicago St., Joliet, at 7:00 p.m.

Worship July 23-30 at 2365 W. Jefferson St., Joliet at 7:00 p.m.

We are leading worship on Tuesday evening, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. on the West Side at 2365 W. Jefferson Street. Plan to come and worship with people from all over our city. It's a time when we are one in Christ with many members and guests from churches crossing over racial, economic, and denominational boundaries. We share our faith in Jesus Christ. Reaching out and worshipping together is a great witness to our community.

Our Get Away to Lake Geneva is almost here. We still have some room. Please turn in your registration form and put down \$25 to secure a place at Lake Geneva. We need to finalize our accommodation plans. Brochures are out in the narthex. Bring your family and friends and make new friends. We will enjoy the beauty and waters of Lake Geneva at Conference Point Center right on the lake. We are going August 3-6. Call the office for information 815-727-9259. -- Craig



The Stephen Ministry training topics over the past month included: Extended Care Giving, Providing Referrals to Professional and Community Resources, Caring for Those Who are Experiencing Grief, and the Role of the Stephen Minister for Those Dealing with Depression. Each lesson incorporates prayer, skills practice and reflection to spiritually and mentally equip us for His service. We ask for your continued prayers for the ministry. May Hope, Help and Healing be a reality to those that seek it. Blessings to All. Thanks so much.

-- Kris & Cyndi

From Angel House--Rhobi Mnanka writes, "Dear Church, this year I am in form one. I really enjoy studying so much. My most difficult subject is basic mathematics. I feel happy to talk to the church. How is church? Thank you so much for being [my] sponsor and keeping me in your prayers. In other news at Angel House, there was a wedding celebration. Our dog has 13 puppies, three new children joined the Angel House family. I would like church to know I have good health.....I love Angel House because I get all basic needs. I am praying for church. Is there anything specific church needs prayers for? I would like you to pray for me in my study so I can get what I want in my future. Love Rhobi Mnanka"



July 10, 2016

Worship Attendance — 192

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$199,386
Year to Date Expenses \$198,310

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911

Please remember First Pres. with your financial support during the summer months as we continue to serve and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Volunteers this Sunday, July 17, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

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Greeters:

Acolytes:

Gavin Ringhofer

Justin Corcoran

Ushers:

Jon Belfield , Capt.;

,Capt.;

Bob Rudisill

Bill Robinson

Henry Province

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Helen Steinberg

Sound Room: Matt Bonomo

Video Screens: Dale Endres