



e-News

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*****Worship This Sunday, August 28:** Sunday...it is going to be a grand day!! This Sunday is unique and special—much like the very first church that gathered at Pentecost.

- * We gather as one congregation...for 1 service at 10:30 a.m....a special time together to hear God's Word, and to commission 6 Stephen Ministers called into Christ's service.
- * Following the service, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., we will enjoy fellowship, breaking bread together, at the annual church picnic to be held in our parking lot. There will be good food, games, and prizes.

Our time of worship together will be a blending of both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. There will be singable hymns and songs...organ and Worship Band...Summer Choir and, most importantly, God's Word heard through the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, and the Scriptures we hear proclaimed. This Sunday's message is "A Grand Vision" and will focus on Romans 12:1-8...looking at what we worship and serve.

So come...come and worship God with those you may not normally see from Sunday to Sunday. Come and be renewed by God's grace and mercy as we seek to live out the reason why we worship.

--Dale Ambler, Associate Pastor

*****Music This Sunday:**

10:30 a.m.--Summer Choir, Worship Band

*****Council/Committee Meetings:**

PW Board--Aug. 30, 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room

*****Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Men's Dinner--Aug. 26, 6 p.m. at Thayer Brothers (cash only), 753 Ruby, Joliet; RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616
Golf 4 Fun--Aug. 28, 6 p.m. at Wedgewood G.C.
Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & 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

*****Our Church Family:** Please keep the following in your prayers--
Prayers of Comfort for Ben and Jean Venegas and family on the passing of Ben's mother, Maria Venegas, on August 18; for Rita and Bob Herrick and family on the passing of Rita's mother, Helen Nugent, on August 18; and for Jim and Jen Gabl and family on the passing of Jim's uncle, Mel Janczak, on August 19.

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

Refinishing the Church Pews. We are in the process of refinishing the pews in the sanctuary/worship center. It's going along 2-4 pews a week. The refinisher is doing this right in the sanctuary, so on a Sunday you might smell a little varnish but so far it's been fine by Sunday, as he works in the beginning of the week. He is doing the fronts (seat & backs) and backs of the pews first. You can see the envelope and hymnal racks are off the backside of the pews as he takes them to his shop. Once the backs and fronts of the pews are finished he will start all of the ends and replace veneer where that is needed. He is staining to match the existing color and finishing with satin varnish. So you will not see a high glossed pew, but you can see the difference between the refinished pews and the pews that still need to be refinished. We will also look into getting new pew pads as well. We are waiting on bids on the pew pads. The refinishing of all the pews is \$30,459. If you would like to contribute to this project, just mark your envelope or check "pew refinishing."

ZooM Begins Wednesday, September 14. ZooM starts offsite at the Family Fun Zone for roller skating on Wednesday, September 14. Then on September 21 we will be back at the church for our ZooM evening. We are going to finish each night with Worship, from 6:45-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. There will be opportunities for adult studies before dinner earlier in the evening. It will be a great night for all of our church family.

We are hosting the September Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, September 13! Please help us by donating any of the following food items: cookies/bars, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad. We are going to serve a picnic lunch. We will give the proceeds from the meal to our Farragut School Supplies Project. If you can help with registration, greeting, ushering or being a parking lot attendant to welcome folks, just let us know. Call the office and volunteer.

We are getting closer to the September 11th "Invite Your One" Sunday! This is the fifteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. We are anticipating a Sunday filled with hope on this September 11. We will celebrate communion on September 11 instead of September 4. Think about inviting one person, which God leads you to invite into our community of hope, our church. I'm sure God will guide you in this if you take a few minutes to pray about who you might invite. Imagine all of those "Ones" showing up on Sunday, September 11. What a great Sunday it will be. So, invite your One! -- Craig

*****Classes Beginning in September:**

- House or Home: Marriage Edition--Wed., Sept. 14, 9 to 11 a.m., childcare available. Contact Mandy Nolan at 317-345-5549 or mrsnolan@gmail.com.
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University--Mon., Sept. 12, 7 to 9 p.m. for 9 weeks, led by Sandi & Dave Zang, family membership (including teenagers) \$93, childcare available. Register online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/.
- Smart Money, Smart Kids (Dave Ramsey)--Tues., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. or Fri., Sept. 23, at 9 a.m., both classes run for 6 weeks, childcare available. Contact Cassie Lennertz at 815-931-2875 or cjlennertz@me.com.

August 21, 2016
Worship Attendance — 241

Stewardship Report
2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts	\$276,551
Year to Date Expenses	\$260,430

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911
Farragut School Supply Project \$2,154

Thanks so much for your gifts to provide school supplies for the students at Farragut Elementary School. We have purchased 100 of each of these items: dry erase markers, large glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of crayons, and composition notebooks.

Volunteers this Sunday, August 28, 2016

One Service at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:
Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:
Kim Belfield

Acolytes:
Justin Corcoran

Ushers:
Sean Yeo, Capt.;
Colleen Yeo
Lisa Kasper

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Jen Beck

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: