



# e-News

August 10, 2016

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\*\*\*Worship This Sunday, August 14. Come and worship with us this Sunday as we celebrate God at work in our world, community, and church. Come, seek the goodness, guidance, and grace of God.

We begin a new Sermon Series this Sunday on “Invite Your One.” I am preaching on “Patient Persistence” from Luke 8:4-15, Matthew 13:31-32, and Acts 2:42-47. God wants the church to grow in faith, ministry, mission, and number.

We will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday. May you experience the hope, joy, and strength of Christ as you make your way through this week. - Craig

\*\*\*Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Summer Choir (rehearse at 8:15 a.m.)

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

\*\*\*Class This Sunday:

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

\*\*\*Council/Committee Meetings:

Day Deacons--Aug. 14, 10 a.m.

Human Resources Council--Aug. 17, 8 a.m.

Parish Council--Aug. 18, 5 p.m.

Executive Committee--Aug. 18, 6 p.m.

Session--Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday Morning Circle & Mary Circle—Aug. 11, 12 noon; joint lunch at Giovan’s Restaurant, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill. All women in the church are invited. Please RSVP to Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390.

Dinner Out-- Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at Cookies, 103 W. Mondamin, Minooka. RSVP to Sis Schmidt at 815-725-0544 or Mary Haas at 815-524-4624

Women's Bible Study--Aug. 17, 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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

Praise Yoga--on break this week; resuming Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. & Aug. 18 at 8 a.m.

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

Mindfulness Practice--Cancelled this week; usually Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Stephen Ministry--Please continue praying for this ministry--that Hope, Help and Healing be a reality to those who seek it.

Farragut School Supplies—About 98% of children attending Farragut School are below the poverty level. The school has inventoried their supply closet and has let us know the specific items needed. The supplies have been ordered, at a 20% discount, and are to be delivered this week. You can help PW and Mission Council fund the supplies by placing your donation in the envelope in Sunday's bulletin. Let's help the children get off to a good start this school year!

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

Our Church Picnic is on Sunday, August 28. Check out the details on our August 28 Church Picnic right here at the church following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Go to [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and then click on the "Church Picnic, August 28, A Grand Day" box. You can invite your friends, family, and neighbors and have a great time. There's delicious food, and you get to make your own Ice Cream Sundae.

One Worship Service, All Together on Sunday, August 28! On Sunday, August 28, we will worship all together at one service that Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. We will commission new Stephen Ministers during our 10:30 a.m. service. Then there will be our Church Picnic to follow; Sundaes and more!

It's Possible. It's possible for each of us to invite someone to church on Sunday, September 11. Have you thought about inviting someone? Think about inviting just one person. Consider and pray about who God would want you to invite to church. It's one person you sense the Lord wants you to ask to come to church with you or meet you at church on Sunday, September 11. We are asking everyone to invite their One. Imagine all of those "Ones" showing up on Sunday, September 11. What a great Sunday it will be. So, invite your One!

Have You Missed a Sunday Sermon? Go To our Website. Just go to our website—[www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org)—and on the home front page click on Media and then Sermons and choose any sermon you may have missed or one you wish to hear again. It works on your smartphone, too. You can catch up on what you missed or take time to review. -- Craig



August 28, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the church (following the one worship service at 10:30 a.m.)

- Grilled Chicken Sandwiches with Assorted Sauces
- Pasta Salad, Watermelon Slices
- Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes
- Special Grandparent/Grandchild Craft
- Assorted Games
- Parish Council invites you to join in the fun!

**Classes Starting in September**

Financial Peace University--Sept. 12, 7 to 9 p.m. for 9 weeks (register online at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/))  
 Smart Money, Smart Kids-- Tues., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. or Fri., Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. for 6 weeks; contact Cassie Lennertz at 815-931-2875 or [cjlennertz@me.com](mailto:cjlennertz@me.com)  
 House or Home: Marriage Edition--Wed., Sept. 14, 9 to 11 a.m.; contact Mandy Nolan at 317-345-5549 or [mrsnolan@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnolan@gmail.com)

**First Pres. to host Presbytery Meeting  
September 13**

First Pres. is hosting our Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, September 13. We expect about 100-125 folks from the 75 churches in Blackhawk Presbytery. We will need some help that day: parking lot attendants, registration and greeters, breakfast and lunch servers, folks to make and drop off lunch dishes (potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and pre-cut desserts), ushers and communion servers for the worship service, etc.). The proceeds from the lunch will benefit Farragut School Supplies. Please call the office at 815-727-9259 if you can offer your help, or sign up this Sunday.

**August 7, 2016**  
 Worship Attendance — 250

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$258,850
Year to Date Expenses	\$241,554

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.

<b><u>Volunteers this Sunday, August 14, 2016</u></b>	
<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b><u>Children's Worship:</u></b>	
Abby Umek	Val Koehne
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	
Pat Benson/Pam Sparlin	Tari Ambler
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	
Nicolas Clemens	Klara Wilson
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	
Russ Brown, Capt.;	Mike House, Capt.;
Bob Smietanski	Beth Maurer
Jean Smietanski	
Sue Mueller	
<b><u>Coffee Fellowship:</u></b> Pat Costion, Capt.; Jon Belfield, Emma Sticklen	
<b><u>Sound Room:</u></b>	Rich Pool
<b><u>Video Screens:</u></b>	Dale Endres