



e-News

September 14, 2016

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***Worship This Sunday, September 18: The God of love and light and life is interested in us. He sent the Lord Jesus to us. Come join us in worship this Sunday as we seek the presence of our Great and Wonderful God. Worship with us at either our 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service with the Chancel Choir or our 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with the Worship Band.

I am preaching on "God Doesn't Yell at the World" this Sunday. The Sermon texts are John 3:16-21, I Timothy 2:1-6, and Psalm 136. We do a lot of yelling at others and pointing fingers at other people in our culture today. Good Christian people get caught up in doing that too, from time to time, myself included. But when I look at Jesus, the only people he yelled at were the Pharisees and that was near the end of his ministry. When God wanted to get the world's attention he sent a Savior and gave us his one and only Son. This is the second week for our new Fall Sermon Series, "I Vote For God: Fear Ends Where Faith Begins."

- Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Classes:

Sunday:

Bible Perspectives Class--10:15 a.m. in Room 201 with Jim Mullins

Monday:

Financial Peace University--7 p.m. in Room 217 with Dave & Sandi Zang

Tuesday:

Smart Money, Smart Kids--7 p.m. in the Fireside Room with Cassie Lennertz;
also offered Fridays at 9 a.m.

Wednesday:

House or Home: Marriage Edition--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room with Mandy Nolan

Kingdom Women: Empowering Your Purpose, Power, Possibilities--7:15 p.m. in the
Fireside Room with Anna Johnson

***Adult Discussion Group:

Is That In The Bible?--Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Fireside Room or Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. in the
Fireside Room with Dale Ambler

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Worship Council--Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m.

Human Resources Council--Sept. 21, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Mary Circle--Sept. 15, 12 noon in the Fireside Room

Quilt Group--Sept. 15, 7 p.m. in Room 210

Dinner Out--Sept. 20, 6 p.m. at Ashford House, 7959 W. 159th St., Tinley Park

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

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

Youth Group is Up, Off, and Going. All the youth grades 6 to 12 are invited and welcome to join in on the fun, connecting with each other, and the study time. This Fall the study focuses on “Thrive,” a study that seeks to move us from struggling or existing to Thriving in our lives. There’s great food, fun games, and a wonderful team of advisors.

ZooM Begins Tonight, Wednesday, September 14th. Tonight, September 14, Zoom starts offsite at the Family Fun Zone for roller skating. 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 and after worship. It will be a great night for all of our church family.

Thanks to Everyone Who Invited Someone to our Back to Church Sunday!

I encourage you to keep inviting. Keep open to those windows of opportunity that open up from time to time and invite someone to church. I want to thank everyone who made our church a very inviting and hospitable place to worship, fellowship, and connect with visitors and each other last week. It was a wonderful Sunday in so many, many ways; thanks so much everyone!

Outstanding Ministry by All our Wonderful People who Hosted the September Presbytery Meeting Yesterday! From the opening of the doors to registration, greeting, ushering, worshiping, being a parking lot attendant to welcome folks, to cooking, donating food, serving, setting up, cleaning up—it was all such an expression of loving service. I received so many, many comments on how good it was to be at our church on Tuesday. Again, thank you so much for your loving service of God’s people from the 75 churches of our Presbytery.

Looking forward to worshiping with you this Sunday! —Craig



MIDWEEK FAMILY NIGHT

Starting up Sept. 21 at church

- 5:00 p.m. Music/Class for kids 4 years old through 5th Grade
- 5:15 p.m. "Is That In The Bible?" Adult Discussion Group with Dale Ambler
- 6:00 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Midweek Family Worship
- 7:15 p.m. Kingdom Woman: Empowering Your Purpose, Power, Possibilities with Anna Johnson (all women are invited to this 6 session



The Glory Ringers, our Handbell Choir, is looking to add new ringers. If you

have ever considered trying handbells, NOW IS THE TIME! We're having a workshop at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, with lunch following. Come and learn how to ring in a fun, “no pressure,” environment. For more information, contact Paula Stimpert at 815-342-7309 or pkmom@comcast.net. Please consider being a part of this fun and rewarding music ministry.

***Our Church Family: Please add the following to your prayers--

Prayers of Healing for Chuck Bailey, Joan Barnes, and Bill Robinson at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

September 11, 2016

Worship Attendance — 209

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$303,384

Year to Date Expenses \$306,045

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

Farragut School Supply Project \$2,154

Volunteers this Sunday, September 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Holy Hunters:

Greeters:

Karen Repko/Bob Harrison

Acolytes:

Peter Mbi

Ushers:

Russ Brown, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Dorothy Sprinkle

Henry Province

10:30 a.m.

Val Koehne

Pam LeVasseur

Jan Gehrig

Kaylie Corcoran

Lisa Ambler, Capt.;

Colleen Yeo

Sean Yeo

Tari Ambler

Lisa Haldorson

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson & Bob Rudisill, Capts.;

Mary Haas, Helen Steinberg

Sound Room: Matt Bonomo