



e-News

September 7, 2016

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*****Sunday, September 11: It's Back to Church Sunday!**

Come Connect and Worship with your Friends and all our Visitors!

There's great upscale food around the church from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

There's Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.

There are Displays of Our Ministry and Mission throughout the Church.

Bring your friends, walk around, and talk.

It's going to be a Great Sunday!!!

*****Sunday Worship, September 11.** 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. Come eager to worship God and be renewed by God's grace and mercy as we seek to live in faith and trust in Christ Jesus.

We begin a new Sermon Series this Fall—"I Vote For God: Fear Ends Where Faith Begins." This Sunday I am preaching on "A Matter of Trust." The sermon texts are Psalm 146, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Matthew 6:25-34. We will turn our thoughts to what and why we trust; how we have a great and living God in whom we can put our utmost trust. - Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

*****Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

*****Class This Sunday:**

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

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

Parish Council--Sept. 8, 5 p.m.

Executive Committee--Sept. 8, 6 p.m.

Session--Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Day Deacons--Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.

Night Deacons--Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday Morning Circle--Sept. 8, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Mary Circle--Sept. 8, 12 noon in the Fireside Room

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

September 4, 2016

Worship Attendance — 183

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts	\$291,864
Year to Date Expenses	\$290,358

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

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

Prayers of Healing for Chuck Bailey and Harry Hill at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

Prayers of Comfort for Marsha Stowe and family on the passing of her mother,

Eileen Mrozek, on Sept. 1; and for Judy Turner and family on the passing of her brother, Harvey Scharer, also on Sept. 1.

The family of Violet Osterholtz would like to thank Craig and Dale for their many visits and First Pres. members for their kindness shown in cards, flowers, food and memorials at her passing. She loved her church family.

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

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.

Help Us Host the September Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, September 13! Here are some ways you can help: by donating cookies/bars, coleslaw, baked beans, or 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.

There's still time this week to invite someone to church on 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 11th. We will celebrate communion on September 11 instead of September 4. Think about praying and inviting one person who God leads you to invite into our community of hope, our church. See you on Sunday! --Craig

New sermon series, "I Vote for God," Starts This Sunday

There is nothing political about this sermon series. We encourage you to pray for, and seek God's guidance regarding the candidate you will choose. However, with emotions and opinions flying this way and that, we thought it was more important for us to focus on where we really place our trust...."I Vote for God."

I Vote For God: Fear Ends Where Faith Begins" Sermon Series

"A Matter of Trust"

Psalm 146, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:25-34

"God Doesn't Yell at the World"

John 3:16-21, I Timothy 2:1-6, Psalm 136

"When Storms Strike: S.F.T.

Mark 4:35-41, Psalm 27

"The Mercy of God: Mercy in Our Midst"

Mark 10:46-52, Genesis 17:1-11, 17-28, Micah 6:6-8

"God is Faithful and Just: Faith, Fanaticism and Injustice"

James 1:12-18, Matthew 9:1-13

"Freedom"

Romans 8:18-21, II Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 5:1

"Help My Unbelief"

Mark 9:14-24

"God Votes For You"

Romans 8: 28-39

"The Shelf Life of Joy"

Nehemiah 8:10, John 15:1-17

Volunteers this Sunday, September 11, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

Sarah Lundeen
Bo Mircea

Holy Hunters:

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Acolytes:

Nicolas Clemens

Logan McCormick

Ushers:

, Capt.;

Helen Steinberg

, Capt.;

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Costion, Capt.; Emma Sticklen,

Wayne Zoellick

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

New Classes starting in September

Financial Peace University--Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. for 9 weeks (sign up online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/)

Smart Money, Smart Kids--Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. for 6 weeks or Friday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. for 6 weeks (contact Cassie Lennertz at 815-913-2875 or cjlennertz@me.com)

House or Home: Marriage Edition--Wednesdays beginning Sept. 14, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fire side Room. (Contact Mandy Nolan at 317-345-5549 or mrsnolan@gmail.com)

"Is That In the Bible?" Adult Discussion Group--Tuesdays at noon beginning Sept. 20 in the Fireside Room (bring your lunch) or Wednesdays 5:15-6 p.m. beginning September 21 in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler.



Ring Out! Handbell Workshop -- Saturday, September 24
The Glory Ringers have openings this fall. If you have ever considered trying handbells, now is the time! If you are interested, please attend our workshop at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. 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.