



e-News

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TRUNK 'N' TREAT AT CHURCH TONIGHT! Come and join in on the fun by decorating your Trunk and helping out in some way. If you would like to help out with our Trunk 'N' Treat Outreach, then come out and lend a hand or decorate a trunk and show up. We are excited about welcoming 1,000-1,200 folks to First Pres. for a children and family friendly evening of fun. I guarantee you will have a wonderful evening. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our church family to let the neighborhood and surrounding area know we are here and eager to create a fun, joyous, and safe event that brings many people together. It's a way of showing we are a welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ by how we serve.

*****Sunday Worship, October 23.** Come and worship the God who sets his people free.

Throughout the Bible we find that God wants his people to be free. In the Old Testament, God's great act of redemption was setting his people free from slavery in Egypt and preparing the promised land for them to enter. In the New Testament, God acts in and through Jesus Christ to set all who believe in him free from their sins that they might live abundantly in Christ. This Sunday, in our "I Vote For God" Series, I am preaching on "Freedom, God's Intent." The following scripture passages will prepare you for worship and study this Sunday: Exodus 3:7-12, 15:11-18, Galatians 5:1, and II Corinthians 3:7-18. -- Craig Herr

*****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

*****Wednesday Class:**

Balancing Life's Demands (new class)--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room, childcare provided

*****Adult Discussion Group--"Is That In The Bible?"--not meeting tonight; resuming next week, Tuesdays at 12 noon and Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

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

Project Linus--Oct. 24, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall; come help make fleece blankets for children in need in our community. Call Tari Ambler at 815-351-2544.

Women's Bible Study--Oct. 26, 10 a.m. in Room 217

Men's Dinner--Oct. 28, 6 p.m. at Karl Darley's house, 429 Buell Ave., Joliet. Bring a side dish, dessert or snack and whatever you like to drink. RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616.

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



Youth Group Meets 1/2 Hour Earlier this Sunday evening,
Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

We are inviting all the parents to come and hear about the plans for the year and where we are in the Youth Director Search Process. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for Dinner and Youth Group. See you there. Invite your friends.

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

Celebrate Dale Hammond's Ministry On Sunday. This Sunday Dale Hammond is retiring after 17 years of serving our congregation as Pastor of Visitation. We will have a cake reception in Hoffman Hall for Dale so you can greet him and Mary, express your gratitude and send them off with your encouragement, prayers, and best wishes.

Think About Your Calling. Is God calling you to serve as a Day Deacon (visiting those who are unable to attend church), as a Night Deacon (ushering, coffee fellowship, pancake breakfast) or as an Elder (serving on a council and session)? Talk with one of the Pastors or an Elder on the Session if you would like to know more about serving as a Deacon or an Elder. Listen for God's call to serve your Lord and First Pres.

Help a Young Person Learn and Develop; Volunteer at Farragut Elementary School. If you would like to tutor or assist in helping at Farragut Elementary School, please e-mail me or call the church office. We have volunteer packets for Farragut in the church office. This is a great opportunity for us to expand our involvement beyond helping with school supplies for the students.

May you experience the Light and love of Christ Jesus and share His Light as you make your way through this week.
-- Craig

Soup & Movie Night

Just in -- the movies have been chosen! Plan to join us on Saturday, November 5, for our annual Soup & Movie Night. Now is the time--to chose a soup recipe to make and to pick the movie you want to watch. Here are the choices:

- Zootopia*
- God's Not Dead 2*
- Miracles from Heaven*
- Me Before You*
- McFarland*

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

Prayers of Healing for Joyce Miner at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center and for Diane Milosevich at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital

Prayers of Comfort for Jeannette Miller and family on the passing of her son, Michael Miller, on October 13; and for Kim and Greg Battcher and family on the passing of Kim's father, Kenneth Bol, on October 18.

The Memorial Service for Rev. Art Stratemeyer is Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m. at Plainfield Congregational United Church of Christ, 24020 W. Fraser Rd., Plainfield.

***Thank you from Margaret Lucas: "I wish to thank the church and all members and staff for my 100th birthday celebration on October 9th. The cake was beautiful and the balloons lasted all week. Thank you for your cards and greetings. Thank you, Mary Circle, for luncheon at Al's and the beautiful Bible you presented to me. Thank you, Staff, for the lovely luncheon on the 14th (my actual birthdate). It was enjoyed by all. I hope to see all of you in church Sunday."

Sincerely, Margaret Lucas

Presbyterian Women Mission News

During the months of October and November, PW will be collecting personal items for Stepping Stones Agency. We would like to also collect cosmetic bags or small purses and fill them with toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soaps, hair shampoo and conditioners, etc. Sometimes women have to leave their homes in a hurry. There will be a box in Hoffman Hall to collect your items.

Attention All Knitters and Crocheters: There is a need for baby blankets and other items at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. PW groups are making these items. You do not have to be a member of PW to participate. You can go to knitting4peace.com for more information and patterns, or call Edna Droz at 815-838-6306. There are some patterns/directions on the counter in the office. This is an on-going project.

October 16, 2016	
Worship Attendance — 198	
Stewardship Report	
2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916	
Year to Date Receipts	\$357,495
Year to Date Expenses	\$362,130
2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911	

Volunteers this Sunday, October 23, 2016

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship:</u>	
Megan Pritz	Val Koehne
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	
	Kyla Fris
<u>Greeters:</u>	
Emma Sticklen	
<u>Acolytes:</u>	
Cameron Paul	Kellen House
<u>Ushers:</u>	
Phil Glavan, Capt.;	Reed Mott, Capt.;
Kim Glavan	
Becky Church	
Dave Church	
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Jon Belfield & Colleen/Sean Yeo, Capts.;	
Helen Steinberg, Jim Huey	
<u>Sound Room:</u>	Matt Bonomo
<u>Video Screens:</u>	