



e-News

October 5, 2016

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*****Offsite Tonight—Our Midweek Family Night, we call Zoom, is Offsite Tonight**, October 5, at Konow's Corn Maze, 16849 S. Cedar Road, Homer Glen. Travel and meet at Konow's Corn Maze at 5:00 p.m. It will be great fun! There will be hot dogs, a bonfire, hay rides, petting zoo and more!

*****Sunday Worship, October 9.** Over and over again in the Bible we are reminded that "God is for us." "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." Christ Jesus entered this world for us, died for us, and rose again for us. Jesus is present with us "always until the end of the age." Come worship this Sunday, and celebrate and rejoice in the God who is for us. Jim Mullins is preaching this Sunday on "How's God Voting This Year? (and Every Year?). The sermon texts are Romans 8:31-39 and Genesis 18:1-8. I would suggest you read Romans 8 for several days this week in preparation for Sunday worship. -- Craig Herr

*****Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

*****Class This Sunday:**

Bible Perspectives--10:15 in Room 201

*****Wednesday Class:**

House or Home: Marriage Edition--9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room; childcare provided

*****Adult Discussion Group--"Is That In The Bible?"** is not meeting tonight (Oct. 5) or next Tuesday (Oct. 11)

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

Day Deacons--Oct. 10, 10 a.m.
Night Deacons--Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Parish Council--Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
Executive Committee--Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
Session--Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

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

Men's Breakfast--Oct. 7, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
Women's Bible Study--Oct. 12, 10 a.m. in Room 217
Thursday Morning Circle--Oct. 13, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
Mary Circle--Oct. 13, 1 p.m. at Al's Steak House
Quilt Group--Oct. 13, 6 p.m. in Hoffman Hall
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

*****Mission.** Last Sunday we received the Peace and Global Witness Offering. 100% of the offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to assist with the immediate needs of those in Louisiana affected by recent catastrophic flooding. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please send your contribution to the office, attn. Tracy Norris, Treasurer, and marked "Peace Offering."

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

Trunk 'N' Treat Coming Up in TWO WEEKS! If you would like to help out with our Trunk 'N' Treat Outreach or in Welcoming the Community to our church, call the office, speak to Bo or call Jeff Pritz. We are excited about welcoming 1,000-1,200 folks to First Pres. for a children and family friendly evening of fun. It's a way of letting all those people know we are a welcoming community of faith. Think about decorating your Car Trunk and having an outstanding time. If you come, I guarantee you will have a wonderful evening.

Opportunities to 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.

Help, Hope, Healing! Stephen Ministry. We have trained Stephen Ministers who are eager to walk alongside anyone who needs someone to provide caring listening and supportive conversation. Perhaps you need someone to talk to during a difficult time or during a time of change or a time when you are recovering from one of life's challenges. Just give one of our leaders a call: Cyndi Schwartz at 815-325-9711 or Kris Hayden at 815-725-3696.

Pastor Dale Hammond is retiring after 17 years as our Pastor of Visitation. On Sunday, October 23, we are going to say good-bye and express our gratitude to Dale Hammond for his caring ministry of visitation. We will have a cake reception and present a gift to Dale. Please send in your gift or bring it to church so Tracy Norris receives it in time to honor Pastor Dale's ministry.

Concrete Work. This week we are having concrete repair work done at various places on our property, including the back ramp. Please use the Western Ave. entrance during the week. If the ramp is not usable next Sunday, extra handicap parking near the kitchen will be marked with cones so that you can park as close to the Western Ave. door as possible.

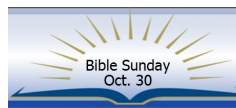
May you sense the presence, strength, and leadership of Christ Jesus as you go through this week. -- Craig



It's only two weeks away! Call the office or Bo at 815-727-9259 or contact Jeff Pritz if you would like to:

- Have a decorated trunk
- Help with food preparation and serving
- Help greet
- Help set up or clean up

This is an annual outreach to our community--We need at least 30 trunks and lots of folks to help show that we are a welcoming community of faith. If you need ideas for decorating your trunk or ideas for a game, call Bo.



October 30 is a very important Sunday! Our 4 year olds, third graders and sixth graders will receive age-appropriate Bibles. If you have a child in one of these age groups who would like to receive a Bible, please call the church office at 815-727-9259 by October 20.

October 2, 2016
Worship Attendance — 173

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

Year to Date Receipts \$335,234
Year to Date Expenses \$341,872

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

*****Our Church Family.** Please add the following to your prayers: Prayers of Healing for Bob Fraser at Presence St. Joseph Prayers of Comfort for Alice and Mindy Stratemeyer and family on Art Stratemeyer's passing on September 23; and for the family of Bob Moore on his passing on October 3.

The Memorial Service for Bob Moore will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. here at First Pres. Church, with visitation from 9:30 a.m. to time of service.

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

Volunteers this Sunday, October 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Karen Luebbe

Acolytes:

Nicholas Clemens

Nolan Watson

Ushers:

Nicole Long, Capt.;

Allison Herr, Capt.;

Bob Becker

Beth Maurer

Jean Smietanski

Aubrey Herr

Bob Smietanski

Colin Herr

Coffee Fellowship:

Mike House & Aubrey Herr, Capts.;

Emma Sticklen, Charlie & Julie Sullivan

Sound Room: Matt Bonomo

Video Screens: Dale Endres