



e-News

November 9, 2016

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***Join Us Tonight for our Midweek Worship, Study, and Family Night. Come for the opening study and dinner or come for dinner and closing worship. Or come for study, dinner, and worship. Zoom meets at the Church on Wednesday Evenings. We finish each night all together with Worship, from 6:45-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. There is an adult study before dinner at 5:15 with Craig Herr leading. There's music, study, and recreation for children as well as an opportunity for our Confirmants to serve and study. There's dinner for everyone at 6:05 p.m. It's a great night for all of our church family.

***Sunday Worship, November 13. Come and worship the God of life, hope, and grace who loves us beyond what we can even imagine. "God so loved the world" in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. And God still is at work in our lives, in our communities, and in our world to love us and shape us for his ministry, mission, and service. Worship with and dwell in the love of God this Sunday.

This Sunday I am preaching on "The God Who Serves" in our "I Vote For God" Series. The scripture passages for this week's Sermon are: Luke 22:19-27 and John 13:4-17. Jesus says to his followers, "But I am among you as one who serves." -- Craig Herr

***Music This Sunday: 9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers 10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Class This Sunday:
Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Room 201

***Mid-Week Classes:
Smart Money, Smart Kids--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 217
Balancing Life's Demands--Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room

***Adult Discussion Groups:
"The Light Will Shine"--Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Fireside Room; (Bring a sack lunch)
"The Gospel of Mark"--Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

***Council/Committee Meetings:
Parish Council--Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Executive Committee--Nov. 10, 6 p.m.
Session--Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
Worship Council--Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m.
Human Resources Council--Nov. 16, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:
Thursday Morning Circle--Nov. 10, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
Mary Circle--Nov. 10, 12 noon in the Fireside Room
Dinner Out--Nov. 15, 6 p.m. at Tom Kelly's, 495 DeGroate Rd., New Lenox
Men's Dinner--Nov. 18, 6 p.m. at Prairie Bluff Golf Club, 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport
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

New Study, Wednesday Evening—Gospel of Mark: Exploring the Life of Jesus Study. Come on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. and study the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Craig leading. We will meet in the Fireside Room starting tonight, November 9. Mark is the shortest Gospel and yet Mark reveals insights and details on Jesus and his ministry that we do not find in the other three Gospels. This is a great way to get ready for Christmas by studying the Life and Ministry of Jesus.

Stars of Hope, Help a Child. The Stars of Hope Ministry is a way to provide Christ gifts to families through MorningStar Mission. Go to Hoffman Hall and shop from the gift list on a particular star (\$40 value suggested), and return your gift to the church on or before November 27. (Stars are also available in the office during the week.) If you are unable to shop, a personal shopper will shop for and wrap your gift with your \$40 donation.

Sound Room Ministry Need. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Sound Room for Sunday services just give me a call or e-mail craig.herr@firstpresjoliet.org It's a wonderful way to serve and we have excellent volunteers who could easily provide the training.

God is still at work in our world. Look for what the Lord is doing this day and week and give thanks. I wonder what God will do through us all this week. -- Craig



Orders are being taken for Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church-Poinsettias; poinsettias are \$12 each. The order form is available in Sunday's bulletin or you can print it out from our website and mail it in. You may give your poinsettia(s) to the Glory of God, in memory of loved ones, or in memory of specific loved ones. The deadline for ordering is December 11.

***Paid Child Care Positions Available. Part time --Sunday mornings and some day and evening hours. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Bo Mircea at 815-727-9259 or bo.mircea@firstpresjoliet.org.

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

Prayers of healing for Ralph Sherman at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center.

Prayers of comfort for Ken & Karen Myers, the Endres and Rowzee families on the passing of Ken's father, Odell Myers, in North Carolina on November 7.

Volunteers this Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

Val Koehne

Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Don & Raelene Barnes

Acolytes:

Riley Corcoran

Klara Wilson

Ushers:

Russ Brown, Capt.;

Wayne Zoellick, Capt.;

Nicole Long

Aubrey Herr

Glenn Brosell

Judy Garrison

Coffee Fellowship: Mike House & Jen Beck, Capts.;

Helen Steinberg, Bob Smietanski, Max Beck

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Dale Endres/Todd Hayden

November 6, 2016

Worship Attendance — 265

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$406,689

Year to Date Expenses \$398,397

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