



**First  
Presbyterian  
Church**

# **e-News**

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**\*\*\*Sunday Worship, January 22.** Worship with us this Sunday as we seek to understand more fully how God is at work in and through our lives. Isn't it good to know that the Lord wants to work through us! And even better, it's motivating and meaningful to know God's purposes for our lives.

**\*\*\*Sunday Sermon.** Bob Goff, in *Love Does*, writes, "I used to think you had to be special for God to use you, but now I know you simply need to say yes." How is God working in your life? Is God doing something in your life you can't explain? This Sunday, using Luke 5:1-11 and Genesis 45:3-8, we'll look at how God uses ordinary people like you and me to work his plan because we are his plan. He calls us to be the church in today's world and, like Peter, we too have a choice in how we answer. — Dale Ambler

**\*\*\*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:**

Education Council--Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

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

Project Linus--Jan. 23, 9 a.m., come help make no-sew blankets for children in need in our community.

Balancing Life's Demands--Jan. 25, 9 a.m. (last session)

Women's Bible Study--Jan. 25, 10 a.m.

Men's Dinner--Jan. 27, 6 p.m. at Anthony's Restaurant & Pub, 3151 Voyager Lane, Joliet

Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex (winter break Jan. 31- Feb. 7)

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

**\*\*\*"Love Does" Adult Discussion Groups:**

Tuesdays, 12 noon in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room with Dale Ambler

Love Does books are available in the Narthex and in Hoffman Hall at \$11 each.

**\*\*\*Mission:**

Farragut School needs warm clothes for the kids. Look for the bright yellow box in Hoffman Hall to donate new or gently used sweaters and sweatshirts for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Angel House Mission Special Offering will be received Jan. 22, 29, and Feb. 5.

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

Angel House Mission Special Offering. We are excited about continuing to support Rhobi, Lucy, and Bhoke, three young women at Angel House Mission in Tanzania. They are growing up and in middle school now. You will see the change in the newest pictures we have in the Narthex and next week in the newsletter. Our goal is \$4,680 to fully support Rhobi, Lucia, and Bhoke. There will be envelopes in the worship bulletins the next three Sundays. You can give online by going to our website: [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and clicking on Give, top right side of the menu. Then you can use the Quick Give option or register to give, if you wish. There's a menu of options next to the amount you wish to give. It has General Budget, but you can click there and choose Angel House Mission.

150 Acts of Service in 2017. This year is our 150th Anniversary as a congregation. One of the ways we plan to celebrate our anniversary is by taking part in 150 Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of our Church. Take some time to think about some wonderful and creative ways each one of us can participate where we live and work, and then as a church, participate in 150 Acts of Service to others throughout our community. What an exciting year this will be as we serve others in a variety of ways beyond the walls of our church! I hope you will start dreaming some dreams that will be realized.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun Together. Our Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night is coming up on Saturday, January 28. Make a crockpot of your favorite chili and come at 4:30 p.m. Following dinner there are 5 movies being shown. Check out the details on our website, [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), or in the Sunday bulletin.

May you experience the presence of the Lord as you follow Christ Jesus wherever he may lead you. — Craig



**Youth Group** meets this Sunday evening, January 22 from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Come ready for fun, great fellowship, and growing in our faith. Will Ward, our new Director of Youth Ministry, started last Sunday and will be leading the study this Sunday evening.



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

Prayers of Healing for Bernard Bisching at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center

- Finding Dory*--PG/ 1 hour 43 minutes (Fireside Rm.)
- Against the Wild*--PG/ 1 hour 31 minutes (Cinema)
- Sully*--PG13/ 1 hour 36 minutes (Sanctuary)
- Genius*--PG13/ 1 hour 44 minutes (Youth Rm.)
- The Sea of Trees*--PG13/ 1 hour 51 minutes (Woodruff)

**Volunteers this Sunday, January 22, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Worship:**

Bo Mircea

Val Koehne

**Holy Hunters:**

Kyla Fris

**Greeters:** Don & Raelene Barnes

**Acolytes:**

Cameron Paul

Kellen House

**Ushers:**

Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Russ Brown

Nick Kasper

Bob Smietanski

Reed Mott

**Coffee Fellowship:** Wayne Zoellick & Aubrey Herr, Capts.;

Mary Jane Johnson

**Sound Room:** Rich Pool

**Video Screens:**

**January 15, 2017**

Worship Attendance — 183

**Stewardship Report**

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 786,000

Year to Date Receipts \$579,098

Year to Date Expenses \$568,614

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$41,911