



e-News

March 1, 2017

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Lent Begins Today with Ash Wednesday! “Lent is a forty-day journey (not counting Sundays) when we watch the tight-knit community of Jesus and the Twelve form and grow in what it means to be faithful to the loving God Jesus...called Abba...But Ash Wednesday and the Crucifixion do not tell the entire story. There is more to come.

And what is to come is so dazzling that the struggles in a troubled and violent world and the utter darkness of the crucifixion are rendered helpless. They are no longer the threat they once appeared to be.” Easter is coming!

A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God
by Rueben Job, Norman Shawchuck, John S. Mogabgab
Upper Room Books, Nashville

Love Each Other Deeply Marriage Seminar Starting. Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott have created a four-week Discussion-Video Seminar on helping couples grow their relationship and take it to a new level of love and intimacy. This “DeepLove” marriage enrichment discussion group will start on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:15 p.m. and meet in Room 210. The Four Sessions focus on: Personality, Communication, Conflict, and Adaptability. It all starts with a personality assessment to help couples think about the DNA of each other’s personalities.

Sunday Worship and Sermon. We begin the Season of Lent focusing upon the Life, Ministry, and Person of Jesus Christ. The Sermon Series for Lent is “Look to Jesus” and is based upon the Eight Servant Values: S.E.R.V.A.N.T.S. - Spirit-Filled, Empathy, Renewal, Visibly Seeking Out, All Together, Nearing God, Teaching, and Submission. These Values of Jesus found in the New Testament help us appreciate more fully who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

This Sunday I am preaching on “Spirit-Filled: Faith Raising” as we think about what it means to be a Spirit-Led follower of Jesus. The sermon texts are Luke 4:14-21 and John 14:15-27. - Craig Herr

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Classes This Sunday:

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School--10 a.m. in Room 206 with Will Ward

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

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Education Council--March 2, 7 p.m.

Day Deacons--March 6, 9:30 a.m.

Church Growth Council--March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council--March 9, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee--March 9, 6 p.m.

Session--March 9, 7 p.m.

***Our Church Family. Please add the following to your daily prayers:
Prayers of Healing for Joyce Miner at Loyola University Medical
Center.

***From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor
 Feed My Starving Children. Plan to arrive at 10:15 a.m., 15 minutes early so we can all get started on time. Feed My Starving Children is this Saturday, March 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Christian School in Shorewood. You must have already signed up. It's possible that someone may cancel and you can be added. Please call the office to be on the waiting list. We need your name, phone number and e-mail address for making our commitment to Feed My Starving Children. We have given \$2,000 to support the packing of food for malnourished children all over the world. It will feed 9,000 children who desperately need meals. See you this Saturday!

Leadercast—Powered By Purpose. Sign up now to attend Leadercast, the largest one-day leadership event in the world. It's right here at First Pres. on Friday, May 5. Go to the Website for the details, www.firstpresjoliet.org. In Christ, Craig

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Men's Breakfast--March 3, 7:30 a.m. at the Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
- Women's Bible Study--March 8, 10 a.m. in Room 217
- Thursday Morning Circle--March 9, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- Mary Circle--March 9, 12 noon
- 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

***Adult Discussion Groups:

- Romans and the Reformation--Tuesdays at noon in the Fireside Room
- Men's Apostle's Creed Study--based on Adam Hamilton's "Creed," Wednesdays during Lent, 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room beginning March 8
- DeepLove Marriage Enrichment--Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in Room 210 (4-week discussion-video seminar) beginning March 8

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

Plan to join us TONIGHT for dinner at 5:45 p.m. The menu includes baked ham with pineapple, glazed carrots, cheesy scalloped potatoes, green salad and crescent rolls with butter, and assorted gourmet cookies. A freewill offering will be received.



**Church Women United
 World Day of Prayer**

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church
 1502 E. Mills Rd., Joliet, IL
 10 a.m. to 12 noon -- Business and Program

Lunch at 12 noon (\$5 per person)
 For more information call 815-436-4974



Save the Date --
 Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 for a special time to Relax, Refresh, and Recharge
 Details and Registration available soon.

February 26, 2017
 Worship Attendance — 188

Stewardship Report
 2016-2017 Budget: \$ 786,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$641,865
Year to Date Expenses	\$652,678

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

Volunteers this Sunday, March 5, 2017

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Stefanie Young	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Holy Hunters:</u>	Bo Mircea
<u>Greeters:</u>	
<u>Acolyte:</u> Sofie Young	Jillian Riebe
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rodgers, Capt. Marion Somers Allan Somers Mark Dykema	Judy Turner, Capt. Jan Gehrig Marvin Balsley
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Judy Turner, Capt.; Nicole Long,	Wayne Zoellick
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	