



# e-News

June 14, 2017

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## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*VBS Training

Weds., June 14, 6 p.m. AND Sat., June 17, 9 a.m.

### \*\*\*Council/Committee Meetings:

Education Council—June 15, 7 p.m.

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

PW Potluck Picnic—June 15, 12:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Paul

Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the narthex (not meeting during VBS week)

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210 (not meeting June 20)

Mindfulness Practice—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room (not meeting June 22)

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room



### “CREED: What Christians Believe and Why” Sermon Series, through July 23.

Using Adam Hamilton’s book “Creed,” we are taking a journey through the Apostles Creed. Just a few weeks ago our Confirmation Students shared their Statements of Faith with us. Now we are taking the opportunity to reflect upon what we believe as followers of Jesus. Worship with us this Sunday. What we believe as followers of Jesus connects us to Christians all over the world and throughout history.

**Sunday, June 18. Jim Mullins is preaching this Sunday.** The sermon texts are Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Exodus 33:18-23, and I Kings 19:11-12. This is the second week of the new Sermon Series, “Creed - What Christians Believe and Why.” This Sunday we consider the second two words of the Apostles Creed “in God,” “I believe in God.”

--Craig Herr

**Final Production VBS Program—June 22, 6 p.m. Everyone invited!**

### Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—Stay Tuned String Band

10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

### June 11, 2017

Worship Attendance — 177

### Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

**Year to Date Receipts** \$120,936  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$130,995

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$0

Visit firstpresjoliet.org or call Tracy Norris, 815-727-9259, to learn of several convenient options for electronic giving.

### Volunteers this Sunday, June 18, 2017

#### 9:00 a.m.

#### 10:30 a.m.

#### Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Val Koehne

#### Greeters:

Andrea Warren

Jan Gehrig

#### Acolytes:

Sophie Young

Evan Lundeen

#### Ushers:

Allen Somers, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Marion Somers

Lisa Ambler

Mark Dykema

Tim Kessling

#### Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers & Lisa Kasper, Capts.

Tari Ambler, Pat Costion

#### Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

#### Video Screens: Matt Blaser

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**The Matsiko World Orphan Choir** will be performing here at the church on Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. Invite your friends and family to come and meet this wonderful group of children and youth from Liberia, Peru, India, and Nepal!

**Help with Meals for the Matsiko Choir.** The Matsiko World Orphan Choir will be staying here at First Pres. June 28-30. If you would like to help provide and/or serve their dinner on Wed., June 28, or Thurs., June 29, or their breakfast on Thurs., June 29, or Friday, June 30, please call the church office.

**It's Time to Volunteer for Vacation Bible School, June 19-23.** VBS starts on Monday, June 19, and goes through Friday, June 23. It's a great way to brighten the morning for children and their families and to share the joy and message of Jesus. Give Bo a call and volunteer and serve in some facet of this exciting and life changing ministry. Volunteer Training is tonight at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 17, at 9 a.m.

**Finding the Best Time for the New Members Class.** We have a good group of people who wish to know more about the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres. and widen the circle of people they know. We are having trouble finding a date when all of us are not traveling or away. Speak to one of the Pastors if you would like to become a member of the church or attend the class. We will find the best date for us to get together.

In Christ,  


### Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one

Sympathies extended: to Sandi & Dave Zang and family on the passing of Sandi's mother, Delilah "Dee" Barger, on June 11th in Eddyville, IL.



## KIDS

### Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

June 19-23 —NEXT WEEK!

Register your kids on-line and register yourself to help out at [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org).

**VBS Training — Weds., June 14, 6 p.m.  
AND Sat., June 17, 9 a.m.**

If you can provide snacks for our VBS volunteers, they would be most welcome! Call the office to let us know what day you will be bringing them.

### Sports Camp

Basketball — July 17-20

Soccer — July 24-27



This is a great opportunity for younger children to learn the basics of basketball and soccer as well as character-building and team-building skills.

Cost: \$20 per child/\$15 for a second child or second camp.

Brochure/registration form is on-line on our website.

## YOUTH

Sr. High Mission Trip — June 25-July 1

## FAMILIES

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir will be staying with us June 28-30. They will have a concert for us on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m. Invite your family, friends & neighbors!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m. We are having a Jazz Concert featuring the Matthew Miller Group. Initially a collaboration of college friends, the Matthew Miller Group is comprised of musicians who continue to play in varying combinations and settings throughout the Chicagoland area. This edition of the group focuses on interpretations of spirituals, jazz standards, and modern compositions all deeply rooted in the jazz tradition. The versatility and knowledge of each musician allows the band to present music that is full of life and is always an exciting experience. There will be dessert and refreshments after the concert. This is a FREE community event with a freewill offering received to benefit Pink Heals—Joliet Chapter. Invite your friends, family and co-workers!

## Mission

**The Free Summer Lunch Program** here at First Pres. is going strong! The program runs Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 5 to August 18. Children through 12th Grade will be served a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. Call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 to offer your help—once a week, once a month, or as often as you are able. **High School Students**—you can earn community service hours by helping out at our Free Summer Lunch Program!

### **Meals for the Matsiko World Orphan Choir.**

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir will be staying here at First Pres. June 28-30. If you would like to help provide and/or serve their meals, please call the church office. Meals are needed for:

Dinner on Wednesday, June 28

Dinner on Thursday, June 29

Breakfast on Thursday, June 29

Breakfast on Friday, June 30

Don't forget the Matsiko Choir Concert on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

**Stephen Ministry**—If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, now is the time to embrace that calling and consider training that will begin August 28th - December 18th. Please consider attending an information and registration meeting on Sunday, July 16, in the Fireside Room at 10:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. (after each service). For more information please contact Stephen Leader, Kris Hayden, at our Stephen Ministry office: [stephenministry@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:stephenministry@firstpresjoliet.org) or call 815- 727-9259 (ext. 209). Information packets are available in the narthex by the Nursery.

**150 Loving Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of Our Church.** Watch for coming opportunities to sign up to help with a **Habitat for Humanity** house on Cora St., Crest Hill, this summer. Remember, if you are part of a church-sponsored project, the CHURCH creates one block; if you serve as an individual, YOU create one block.

## Selfie Challenge

“Who is that?” — “What’s their name?” ...the list of ‘I don’t know who that is’ questions is long and it’s time to turn it around. Just because you don’t know someone as well as your best friend or family member shouldn’t stop you from getting to know those you don’t know at church. Parish Council wants to make it easy for you to get to know someone new and it is as simple as asking really easy ice breaker questions like: Cubs or Sox? What’s your favorite holiday? Favorite season? Favorite movie? You get the idea...so here are 3 easy steps:

- 1) Find someone new...seek them out—Introduce yourself and be intentional and admit you don’t know who they are but really would like to get to know something about them.
- 2) Parish Council has provided laminated question cards to help you break the ice; so, ask a question.
- 3) Take a “selfie”—you know, a picture you take of the two of you with your cell phone...really simple. If you have an Instagram account, tag the picture (ask someone to help you if you don’t know how) with #firstpresjoliet, firstpresjolietsundayselfie or you can email it to the church office.

That’s it! It’s really simple and you will have met someone new and now know something about them!!



For the summer months of July and August, the Night Deacons will be trying something different relative to coffee service on Sundays. Beginning July 2, the Sunday coffee service will only be available from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and will be self-serve in Hoffman Hall, not in the narthex.. The primary reason for this change is the significantly reduced number of Night Deacons this year along with difficulty in obtaining individuals to help serve on a weekly basis. By starting on July 2, the Night Deacons will have six Sundays to evaluate the change prior to their monthly meeting on August 8.