

June 7, 2017

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The Week Ahead

***Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish Council—June 8, 5:30 p.m.
Executive Committee—June 8, 6 p.m.
Session—June 8, 7 p.m.
PW Board Mtg.—June 13, 10 a.m.
Worship Council—June 13, 4:30 p.m.
Night Deacons—June 13, 7 p.m.
Human Resources Council—June 14, 8 a.m.
Church Growth Council—June 14, 6:30 p.m.
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
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 Group:

Parables Discussion Group—June 13, 12 noon



Come, Worship and Believe. Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.” (John 14:1) “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9) “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (I John 5:13)

Over the next seven weeks as we worship together, we will reflect upon what we believe as followers of Jesus which connects us with Christians all over the world and throughout history.

Sunday, June 11. Dale Ambler is preaching this Sunday. Dale writes, “We begin a new sermon series this Sunday...“Creed - What Christians Believe and Why.” Together we will journey through the Apostles’ Creed, looking at a statement of Christian faith that has been with the Church for centuries. We will start simply this Sunday by looking at the first two words of the Apostles’ Creed, “I Believe” and our sermon text will be Romans 1:16-17.”

— Craig Herr

Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—Holly Tomashek
10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

LUNCH ON JUNE 11

It’s this Sunday! Gather in the narthex after first service or after second service. Folks will decide where they want to eat (Dutch treat), and then will enjoy getting to know each other better over a meal. Just call the office to be included in this first “Let’s Do Lunch” event.

Volunteers this Sunday, June 11, 2017

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Bo Mircea	Jacob Riebe
<u>Greeters:</u> Emma Sticklen	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Justin Corcoran	Kellen House
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rodgers, Capt. Allan Somers Marion Somers Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt. Tim Kessling
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u>	Wayne Zoellick, Capt.; Emma Sticklen, Xander Sticklen, Glenn Brosell
<u>Sound Room:</u>	Rich Pool
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

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.

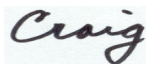
Lunch This Sunday! Following worship at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service we are inviting you to go out to lunch with other friends, visitors, and members who wish to eat together. Following the worship service everyone who wants to go will gather and decide where they wish to eat brunch/lunch and go off to eat together. We have 10 individuals/families who have signed up to go. I suggest that groups of 5, 6, or 7 people go and eat together. It's a pay yourself for whatever you wish to eat. Plan to eat brunch/lunch with folks this Sunday and make some new friends.

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.

"CREED: What Christians Believe and Why" Sermon Series Starts this Sunday. Using Adam Hamilton's book "Creed," we will take a journey through the Apostles Creed. Just a few weeks ago our Confirmation Students shared their Statements of Faith with us. Now we have an opportunity to reflect upon what we believe as followers of Jesus. Worship with us this Sunday.

Don't wait for someone else to volunteer. Try out our Video Projection Ministry. We need some more volunteers in the video projection room for Sunday Worship. The Hymns, Songs, Sermon Slides and Video Clips add an essential visual element to our worship of God. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Video 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 will easily provide the training you need to get on board.

In Christ,



KIDS

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

June 19—23

Kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but also made them for a purpose. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences. Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just some of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. It's all FREE!
Register your kids on-line and register yourself to help out at www.firstpresjoliet.org.

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

Special Youth Activity—June 13, 5 to 7 p.m.
Meet at church at 5 p.m.; we'll walk to Walt's Ice Cream; parent pick-up at church.

Sr. High Mission Trip meeting—June 13, 7 p.m.
Important meeting for youth going on the Mission Trip & their parents!

FAMILIES

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 off to a great start! We have served lunch to 40 children in the first 3 days! The program runs Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 5 to August 18. Children Kindergarten 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!

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 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.

Community Bulletin Board

Carlson Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home is holding an informative Lunch & Learn Seminar at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, at The Southern Café, 1819 Knapp Drive, Crest Hill. Topics to be discussed are cremation/burial options, pre-planning, how pre-planning affects Medicaid, veterans benefits, etc. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Seating is limited; for reservations please call 815-744-0022.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore could use some help setting up their new store at 1395 Larkin Ave. Contact Nicole Murray at 815-726-7010 or nmurray@habitatwill.org if you can help.

CAPA News—Free concerts at Preservation Park, 710 Taylor St. are 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Jun. 16 (Frank Sinatra Tribute), Jul. 21 (Blues, Funk, Soul & Rock), Aug. 18 (Rock & Country) & Sept. 15 (Classic). The CAPA Area Garage Sales are Aug. 4-6.

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) Walk over to the photo booth in the Narthex and 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 with #firstpresjoliet, #firstpresjolietsundayselfie (ask someone to help you if you don’t know how) 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!!

June 4, 2017

Worship Attendance — 252

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$110,220
Year to Date Expenses	\$108,384

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.