

July 12, 2017

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“We Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins.” Isn’t it good to know that God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and forgiving! Throughout the Scriptures we read of transformed lives in and through the mercy of God and the forgiveness of Christ Jesus.

Come and worship with us this Sunday as we focus on the forgiveness of God come to us in and through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We are not perfect people and so we all live in need of God’s grace. How wonderful to have a loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, July 16.** This Sunday I am preaching on “I Believe In the Forgiveness of Sins.” The scripture texts for the sermon are: Psalm 103:8-13, Psalm 145:8-9, Luke 23:34, and I Timothy 1:15-17. Notice that we read of God’s grace, mercy, and steadfast love in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. We serve and worship a God who saves, redeems, and forgives.

--Craig Herr

## The Week Ahead

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

- Men’s Discussion Group—July 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Parables Discussion Group—July 18, 12 noon
- Dinner Out—July 18, 6 p.m. at McWethy’s Tavern (Mistwood Golf Club), 1700 W. Renwick Rd., Romeoville
- 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

Stephen Ministry Informational Mtg.—July 16, 10:15 & 11:45 a.m.

### July 9, 2017

Worship Attendance — 181

### Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

**Year to Date Receipts** \$178,452  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$179,168

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$138,592 (from the Marge Ganja Estate)

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### Volunteers this Sunday, July 16, 2017

#### 9:00 a.m.

#### 10:30 a.m.

#### Children’s Worship:

Megan Pritz

Bo Mircea

#### Greeters:

Jan Gehrig

#### Acolytes:

Stewart Paul

Nolan Watson

#### Ushers:

, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

LuAnn Stepina

Duke Barnes

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Turner & Jon Belfield, Capts.

Carla DeYoung, Helen Steinberg

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

## Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Congratulations to Mandy & Jimmy Ward on the birth of a son, Henry James, on June 23. Proud Grandparents are Jerry & Sheila Lundeen, proud greatgrandmother is Irene Kolmodin.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

### **Come Tonight for the Matthew Miller Jazz**

**Group.** They are playing tonight at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Worship Center. There's dessert right after the concert in Hoffman Hall. It's a great night to be together. Bring your friends and family!

### **Informational Meeting on Stephen Ministry**

**Training.** If you sense that God may be calling you to serve through Stephen Ministry, there will be informational meetings this Sunday, July 16, in the Fireside Room after each worship service. A new training session will start on August 29. You can have an ongoing caring presence for those in need by becoming a Stephen Minister. We will be training men and women for one-on-one Christian care giving for people who are experiencing a difficult time in life.

**The Soccer Future Champs Sports Camp** is July 24-27. (The Basketball Camp has been cancelled.) Brochures are available near the church entrances and on our website. Register now and invite your friends and family!

**Let's Do Lunch.** Share a meal and get to know people who worship with you at our church. We are planning for another "Let's Do Lunch" (brunch or lunch) on Sunday, July 30. Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby area. Then plan to go out to lunch and have a great time and meet some new people.

In Christ,



Mission

**The Mobile Food Pantry** will be here at First Pres. on July 25, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We need 10 volunteers to greet folks. This is a great opportunity to see how this program works. The Mobile Food Pantry is open to all those in the community who need help with food. Call the office if you can help greet and observe.

**Stephen Ministry**—A new Stephen Minister Training Class will begin on Tuesday, August 29th. A brief information/registration meeting will be held on July 16 in the Fireside Room, following each service (10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.) If you have questions or want to know more about Stephen Ministry at First Pres., be sure to attend one of the meetings on July 16th or contact Kris Hayden, Stephen Leader at 815-727-9259, ext. 209.

**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.

## KIDS

### **Sports Camp**

Soccer — July 24—27

This is a great opportunity for younger children (ages 4-10) to learn the basics of soccer as well as character-building and team-building skills. Cost: \$20 per child/\$15 for a second child.

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

## YOUTH

Youth Game Night — Sat., July 22, 5 to 9 p.m.

Jr. High Mission Trip—July 26-28

Sr. High Trip to 6 Flags Great America —Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (New date)

## FAMILIES

**Matthew Miller Group Jazz Concert tonight** (July 12 at 7 p.m.) with dessert and refreshments following. This is a FREE community event with a freewill offering received to benefit Pink Heals—Joliet Chapter. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of great music and fellowship.

Mark your Calendars:

**August 26 — Slammers Faith Night:** Enjoy a Joliet Slammers Game and a post game concert with performances by Milton Calvin, a Joliet local Christian rap artist, as well as The Center Band. The Center Band is a part of The Center - a meeting ground for teenagers with the purpose of connecting them with God and friends. This night is supported by a fundraiser for The Center.

**August 27 — All-Church Picnic at Inwood Park**

### **Garage Sale**

August 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, August 5, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will have a Garage Sale in conjunction with the annual CAPA Garage Sale, in our parking lot across Western Ave. (for greater visibility).

As with last year's Garage Sale, a double space can be reserved for \$20. New this year will be an opportunity for the congregation to donate items for our own three tables, to benefit Farragut School Supplies. So, if you don't have enough to take up a whole space, you can finally get rid of what you don't want for a good cause. We'll also have a table for plants from your garden that you may want to divide and donate.

The office will take your reservation. For more information call Emmie Ostrem at 815-744-1390 or 815-531-4668. PW is grateful for your support in this effort.