



e-News

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CHURCH: What is the Church? The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Assembly of Christ-Followers, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, a Chosen People, a Holy Nation, God's Special Possession, and much more according the New Testament.

This Sunday come and think about what Jesus intended for his church and for us as his disciples and members of his Church. We continue our Sermon Series on "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why" by focusing on the Church.

Sunday, July 9. I am preaching this Sunday on "I Believe In the Church and the Communion of Saints." The scripture texts for the sermon are: Matthew 9:35-38, John 20:19-22, and Ephesians 2:18-22. We will consider Jesus' creation of the church and how we can be instruments of his compassion, joy, peace, and transforming love. We will think about the wonder of Christ's Church and the seemingly ordinariness of the church as well.

Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—Bob Rudisill

10:30 a.m.—Worship Band and two members of the
Matthew Miller Jazz Group
Hymn Sing 10 Min. before each service

July 2, 2017

Worship Attendance — 122

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$169,783
Year to Date Expenses	\$164,833

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

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

The Week Ahead

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Breakfast—July 7, 7:30 a.m., at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
Women's Bible Study—July 12, 10 a.m., Rm. 217
Parables Discussion Group—July 11, 12 noon
Men's Discussion Group—July 13, 5:30 p.m.
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



For the summer months of July and August, the Night Deacons are trying something different relative to coffee service on Sundays. Sunday coffee service is only available from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and is 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.

Volunteers this Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

Val Koehne

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Riley Corcoran

Ushers:

, Capt.

Judy Turner, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Sue Lee

Helen Steinberg

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Emma Sticklen,
Pat Costion

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

Two Members of the Matthew Miller Jazz Group will be playing at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service this Sunday. Come and worship at 10:30 a.m. to gain an experience of the Jazz music you will hear at the Jazz Concert on Wednesday.

Jazz Concert, next week on Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. We will host a community jazz concert featuring the Matthew Miller Group. And there's dessert after the concert in Hoffman Hall. Put it on your calendar and come join us.

Let's Do Lunch. Share a meal and get to know people who worship with you at our church. We are planning for another "go out to eat 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.

Stephen Ministry Training. 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. If you sense that God may be calling you to serve, there will be informational meetings on Sunday, July 16, in the Fireside Room after each worship service. A new training session will start on Tuesday, August 29. In Christ,



Mission

For the Matsiko World Orphan Choir Concert we had nearly 90 people. New children were supported by our members and thanks to all who helped with meals for the children and leaders.

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 greet.

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

Basketball — July 17–20

Soccer — July 24–27



This is a great opportunity for younger children (ages 4-10) 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.

FAMILIES

Plan to join us on Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m. We are hosting 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!

Mark your Calendars:

August 26 — Slammers Faith Night: Enjoy a Joliet Slammers Game and a post game concert with performances by Milton Calvin, local Joliet Christian rap artist, as well as The Center Band, 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

Selfie Challenge

- 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!!