



e-News

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Worship This Sunday



How do we bring faith to life? We are in the midst of a sermon series on faith entitled “Faith Beyond the Creed” during August. Each week we study a person of faith who followed the guidance and leading of the Lord. We are seeking to more clearly understand what faith looks like in real life in order to be the church in our day and time. Worship with us this Sunday as we look to live in faith.

Sunday, August 20. Are you discouraged? Distracted? Worried? Are you disappointed? Stressed? Have you ever faced a situation in life so challenging you didn’t know how you would get through it? Maybe life is dealing you some tough cards right now. And yet, you know that you can’t walk away from the responsibilities of life. So what do you do? Well, we can learn from Joshua, who also faced what had to feel like an insurmountable task... leading some 2 million people - Israel - many people from different stations in life into a land where they would face 7 cities...walled cities, well-armed soldiers and chariots. Join us Sunday as we look at “A Call to Courage” using the text of Joshua 1:1-11 to guide us on our journey.

— Pastor Dale

Music:

9:00 a.m.—Summer Choir

10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

Volunteers this Sunday, August 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Stefanie Young

Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Karen Luebbe

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Kaylie Corcoran

Madison Riebe

Ushers:

Marion Somers, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Allan Somers

Lisa Kasper

Jeff Corcoran

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Turner, Capt.; Lynnette Hopwood,

Harriet O’Malley

Sound Room:

Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish Council—Aug. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee—Aug. 17, 6 p.m.

Session—Aug. 17, 7 p.m.

Education Council—Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Praise Yoga—on summer break; **resuming Thurs., Aug. 24**

Women’s Bible Study—Aug. 23, 10 a.m.

Men’s Dinner—Aug. 25, 6 p.m. at Wild Horse

Restaurant, 2314 W. Jefferson, Joliet

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice—on summer break; resuming in September

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

YOUTH

August 26 Faith Night at the Slammers Game. I am going down to the ball park to pick up 100 tickets for the game that night. Our target audience is the youth of our church and their friends (along with their parents). I have been talking to several already to know how many want to go. We need people not only to go to the game but to help greet those arriving, beginning at 5 p.m. and being a presence at our First Pres. sponsorship table throughout the night. So call me at the church or text me on my cell: 815-953-1383 telling me your name and how many tickets you will need. — Dale Ambler

Remember, the game starts at 6:00 p.m. and immediately following, The Center will present a worship concert including the Gospel message followed by up-and-coming Christian artist Milton Calvin.

FAMILIES

August 27 — All-Church Picnic at Inwood Park, 12 noon to 2 p.m. (following one worship

service at 10:30 a.m. at church). On the menu:

Grilled Chicken Sandwiches,

Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob,

Watermelon, and Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

There will be jumpees for the kids and games for all ages!

You don’t need to bring anything, except a guest if you wish!

Free Tickets to Soccer Game at Toyota Park, Sunday, August 20 @ 5 p.m. The Chicago Red Stars, a top-tier soccer team in the National Women's Soccer League, is celebrating "All Faith" Night this coming Sunday evening. We have 10 complimentary tickets. Call the office if you would like tickets to the soccer game.

Make a Good Marriage Better. Plan to come to the DeepLove Live Simulcast, on Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. It features Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, *N.Y. Times* best selling authors, who are experienced marriage seminar leaders and counselors. They have developed a wonderful marriage assessment designed to help any couple grow their love and support of each other. Put it on your calendar and invite friends. The Parrotts have a great sense of humor and thoughtful insights on how to deepen any marital relationship.

On November 4, Help Feed 101,000 Children in a day. You can be a part of this by giving just two hours of your time. We will feed 101,000 children in three two-hour shifts: 9:00-11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteer for one shift and bring your friends. We need 160 people at each one of the three shifts. Start inviting now and plan to come. We are hosting this Feed My Starving Children "food packing" day here at First Pres. You can invite your sports team, dance team, school class, neighbors, friends, family, etc. to come. Together with people from all over the community, we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children. Watch for information on how to sign up to serve and get your friends and family signed up too.

New Design for Stephen Ministry Training. We are combining our training with three other churches and leaders. Training is for 14 weeks and 32-35 hours; reduced from 50 hours. See or call Kris Hayden if you sense that God may be calling you to serve through Stephen Ministry. A new training session will start September 5. You can have an ongoing caring presence for those in need by becoming a Stephen Minister and providing "Help, Hope, and Healing" for people who are experiencing a difficult time in life.

In Christ,



August 13, 2017
Worship Attendance — 160

Stewardship Report
2017-2018 Budget: \$792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$232,522
Year to Date Expenses	\$243,030

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$138,592

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

Mobile Food Pantry. Thanks to all who were here to help on July 25th. The numbers are in and 104 families were served that day. Each family received frozen meat, frozen chili, canned veggies and fruit juice, cereal, bread, mac and cheese, fresh apples, cucumbers, carrots and potatoes. In these 104 families are 381 individuals of which 169 are children. Those that helped have met and critiqued the event in order for us to know what we have to do to bring the Mobile Food Pantry here again. Thanks First Pres. for BEING the Church!!

Impact Your World; Feed 101,000 Children in a day. We are hosting a **Feed My Starving Children** "food packing" day on Saturday, November 4. Together with people from all over the community, we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children. We will feed 101,000 children in a single day through three shifts: 9:00-11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Start inviting people to come and help. We need 160 people at each one of the three shifts. Watch for information on how to sign up to serve and get your friends and family signed up, too.

Stephen Ministry—A new Stephen Minister Training Class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5 and will meet Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. (2 hours), through December 12. Also in the works is a 4-hour REFRESHER COURSE for those already trained and commissioned as Stephen Ministers. Prayerfully consider joining our team. Contact Kris Hayden, Stephen Leader at 815-727-9259, ext. 209.

150 Loving Acts of Service Beyond the Walls of Our Church. Watch our wall grow! 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.

St. Patrick's Church, 710 W. Marion St., Joliet, is in need of help at their food pantry the next 8 Mondays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you can lift 30-40 lbs. and can help on one or more of the Mondays, please call Alicia Tocwish at St. Pat's, 815-727-4746.

Stephen Ministry

Training will now start September 5th at Plainfield United Church of Christ and will be on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. (2 hours), through December 12. We will meet one Saturday (October 21) and will be off Thanksgiving week.

Additionally, anyone who has been previously trained and commissioned as a Stephen Minister, prayerfully consider joining our team with a 4-hour REFRESHER COURSE that is in the works. More details of date and times TBA. Call Kris Hayden, Stephen Leader at 815-727-9259, ext. 209, if you have questions.