



e-News

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Worship This Sunday



Faith and Everyday Life, “Faith Beyond the Creed” August Sermon Series. We are exploring the witness and faith of a new person, each week, who can reveal to us what it means to follow the guidance and leading of the Lord. We want to know what faith looks like in real life. Worship with us this Sunday as we seek to grow our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, August 27. This Sunday I am preaching on “Nehemiah: Step Into Servant-Ministry.” What does it look like to step into the Servant-Ministry that Christ Jesus calls us to in our day and time? We will look to the example of Nehemiah and Jesus and see what we can learn that moves us into ministry that matters. As you prepare for worship I encourage you to read Nehemiah 1:1-11 and Matthew 14:13-14f. We find that Nehemiah had a heart for hurting people, hope in God’s character, humility in his self-awareness, and a hunger for God’s presence. What is God placing in your heart?

— Craig

Music:

10:30 a.m.—Worship Band, Chancel Choir

Volunteers this Sunday, August 27, 2017

One Service at 10:30 a.m.

<u>Children’s Worship:</u>	Bo Mircea
<u>Greeter:</u>	Kim Belfield
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Carter Lundeen
<u>Ushers:</u>	Judy Turner, Capt.; Lisa Ambler
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u>	Jen Beck, Capt.,
<u>Sound Room:</u>	Rich Pool
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Education Council—Aug. 25, 7 p.m.
Worship Council—Aug. 29, 5 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
Men’s Dinner—Aug. 25, 6 p.m. at Wild Horse Restaurant, 2314 W. Jefferson, Joliet
Project Linus—Aug. 28, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall
Men’s Breakfast—Sept. 1, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St.
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

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Faith Night at the Slammers Game

It’s THIS Saturday, August 26.

The game is from 6 to 9 p.m.

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!

Church Picnic This Sunday, August 27! We will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. and then go over to Inwood Park for a picnic and a great time together. Come to church dressed casually in your picnic clothes. Then you can go right over to Inwood immediately following the worship service. There's a great menu including chicken sandwiches, pasta salad, corn on the cob, watermelon and ice cream. Join us for a great time together and invite your friends.

Thank You For Giving to School Supplies for Farragut Elementary School. Over the last two weeks we have received \$877 for school supplies for the students at Farragut Elementary School. We have purchased composition books for the children, which will benefit their learning process. The August Garage Sale by PW raised \$700 toward this project of love.

Invest In Your Marriage. Plan to come to the DeepLove Live Simulcast, on Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. It features *N. Y. Times* best selling authors, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. They are experienced marital counselors and seminar leaders. 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 guests. Invest in your marriage by coming on Friday evening, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. The Parrotts have a great sense of humor and thoughtful insights on how to deepen any marital relationship.

New Shift Times for Feed My Starving Children On November 3-4. Come join us and bring your guest(s) to 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 four two-hour shifts: New Times are: Friday, Nov. 3— 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4—9:30-11:30 a.m, 12:30-2:30 p.m., and 3:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteer for one shift and bring your friends. We need 120 people at each one of the four shifts. Start inviting now and plan to come. There will be a link on our church Web Page where you can select your shift time. The link will be available on September 1.



August 20, 2017
Worship Attendance — 167

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$288,490
Year to Date Expenses	\$259,555
Farragut School Supplies	\$877
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.

Impact Your World; Feed 101,000 Children in a day. An additional shift has been added—Friday, Nov. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. The Saturday, Nov. 4, shifts are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Together with people from all over the community, we will pack 101,000 meals for hungry children in the 4 shifts. You will be able to sign up beginning September 1 from a link on our website. The first 2 weeks church members only can sign up; after that registration will be opened to the community. Start inviting people to come and help. We need 120 people at each one of the four shifts. Watch for more information on how to sign up to serve; you might ask your neighbors, your clubs, your extended family, etc. to all sign up for the same shift!

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.

St. Patrick's Church, 710 W. Marion St., Joliet, is in need of help at their food pantry the next 7 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.

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.

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.