



# e-News

August 9, 2017

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## Worship This Sunday



**A Faith Journey: “Faith Beyond the Creed” Series.** We are in the midst of a faith journey in the Bible during August. We are looking closely at people of faith who were transformed by God’s compassion, grace, and strength. What does faith look like in real life? How do we live out, in our day and time, the foundational beliefs we studied and confessed in the Apostles’ Creed Series? Join us for worship this Sunday as we seek to live in faith.

**Sunday, August 13.** Jim Mullins is preaching on “Barzillai: Responding From Your Own Strengths.” The sermon scripture passage is II Samuel 19:31-39. Barzillai takes risks to help David when he was fleeing his son, Absalom’s, rebellion. David is in exile for awhile and when you are in exile you need others help, understanding, and prayers. Sometimes in life we feel in exile. God cares for David through Barzillai during this time.

--Craig Herr

### Music:

9:00 a.m.—Summer Choir, Water Within Band  
10:30 a.m.—Water Within Band

### Volunteers this Sunday, August 13, 2017

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Megan Pritz	Val Koehne
<u>Greeters:</u> Emma Sticklen	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Cameron Paul	Sadie House
<u>Ushers:</u> , Capt. Russ Brown Helen Steinberg Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt. Laura House
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Haldorson, Capt.; Joan Paul,	Jean Bailey
<u>Sound Room:</u> Cliff Stepina	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Stewardship Council—Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m.  
Church Growth Council—Aug. 10, 4 p.m.  
Human Resources Council—Aug. 16, 8 a.m.  
Parish Council—Aug. 17, 5:30 p.m.  
Executive Committee—Aug. 17, 6 p.m.  
Session—Aug. 17, 7 p.m.

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

Praise Yoga—on summer break; resuming Aug. 22  
Mary Circle & Thursday Morning Circle joint  
lunch —Aug. 10, 1 p.m. at Blueberry Hill Café,  
15521 S. Rt. 59, Plainfield  
Dinner Out—Aug. 15, 6 p.m. at Chef Klaus Bier  
Stube, 20827 S. LaGrange Rd., Frankfort  
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

## 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.

Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**Grow Your Love for Your Spouse.** 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 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 and thus deepen their marriage. Put it on your calendar and invite friends. The Parrotts have a great sense of humor and thoughtful insights on marriage.

**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.

You can invite your sports team to come, your dance team, school class, neighbors, friends, family, etc. 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., 11:30-1:30 p.m., and 2:30-4:30 p.m. 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.

**Church Picnic on 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.

In Christ,



**August 6, 2017**

Worship Attendance — 186

**Stewardship Report**

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	\$217,069
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$224,173

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

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**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.

**YOUTH**

**August 26 — Slammers Faith Night:** The purpose of this event is to reach teenagers in the Joliet area that don’t have a church home, have been wounded by the church or simply don’t know about the Church of Jesus Christ. To this end, The Center in New Lenox (formerly the Christian Youth Center) and Joliet Slammers are looking to fill 6,500 seats with youth in our area. First Pres. will have 75 tickets and these tickets will go to our own youth and those that they will invite along with their parents. More info will be coming, but for now, 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!**