



e-News

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The Week Ahead

Worship This Sunday



**“Faith First” Followers of Jesus Christ
 Worship Together
 and Celebrate who God is,
 what God is doing,
 and What God will do!
 Come and Worship this Sunday!**

Sunday, October 15. This Sunday our Faith First series continues with “Love Without Limits” using a text from Matthew’s Gospel that often has many asking a question like, “did Jesus really mean what he said...love my enemies?” Matthew 5:38-48 has caused many to say “that’s impossible,” “Jesus has to be wrong” or, “maybe Jesus only meant it for those listening way back then.” Yet, Jesus does his teaching by relying on what his listeners have heard and then alongside it places a bold little word, “but.” Jesus may be at his ornery self here, offering teaching that makes no sense apart from the nature of the one doing the teaching....
 --Dale Ambler

Music: 9:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir
 10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

*****Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**

- Church Growth Council—Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Parish Council—Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee—Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
- Session—Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

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

- Thurs. AM Circle—Oct. 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—Oct. 12, 12 noon
- Dinner Out—Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at Old Town Restaurant, 113 Stephen, Lemont
- Quilt Group—Oct. 19, 7 p.m. in Room 210

- Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
- Mindfulness Practice—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

- Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)
- Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
- Men’s Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210
- Willow Creek Global Summit & Bible Study Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
- Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Volunteers this Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Laura Pritz

Bo Mircea

Holy Hunters:

Susie Gumitz

Kyla Fris

Greeters:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Sadie House

Ushers:

Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Coffee Fellowship: , Capt.; Laura House

Laura House

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Todd Hayden



Same Kind of Different as Me is based on the best-selling book by Ron Hall, which tells the true story of how volunteering at a rescue mission transformed the lives of a married couple and the homeless man they befriended. This moving, powerful movie stars

Academy Award winners Jon Voight and Renee Zellweger.

Parish Council has reserved a group of 20 FREE tickets for the Premier Showing with MorningStar Mission and the community on Weds., Oct. 18 at 6:45 p.m. at the Louis Joliet Cinemark Theaters. If you would like to attend that showing, please call the church office right away at 815-727-9259 to reserve your tickets. If we need more, we can call and order more! If you’d like a different time (6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.), you can call 815-722-5780 to reserve your own tickets.

This week I want to emphasize three things: The Mission Celebration this Saturday evening, Trunk 'n' Treat, and Feed My Starving Children (here at our church).

Join us on Saturday evening, Oct. 14th at 6:30 p.m. to Celebrate our Mission in the Community & World. Leaders from Habitat for Humanity, Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, CAPA, and Feed My Starving Children are coming to talk about their mission in the community and world and our history of involvement over many years. They will show pictures and share the difference they make for others. The Matthew Miller Group will play Christian jazz music at the beginning and end in the middle of the evening. Come and celebrate God at work in our world. And enjoy a great dessert in Hoffman Hall right after our Celebration of Mission.

Trunk 'n' Treat is coming on Wednesday, October 25. It's a time when we invite our wider community to come and have a great and fun time together. It's a time for people to meet us and know who we are as God's people. It's a time to serve all who come in love, joy, and hope. Come, volunteer, and help create a wonderful time for children and their families at our church.

Feed My Starving Children is being held at our Church in Hoffman Hall. A brief training session will be held first in the Sanctuary/Worship Center.

It's Time to Sign Up 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.

Shift Times: Friday—6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday—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 is a link on our church web page where you can select your shift time. If you need help, you can call the office to sign up for a shift or to help set up or clean up.

Invite Your Guests: 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.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

Trunk 'n' Treat is coming up—it's October 25th.

YOUTH

We're going kayaking on Oct. 15—leaving church at 1 p.m.; if you'd like to eat lunch together, stay after 2nd service. Sign up with Karissa.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School meets Sundays at 10 a.m. in Room 206

Youth Fellowship/Homework time meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 206 as part of our MidWeek Family Night (come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.).

Confirmation is Wednesday, come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.; Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

MidWeek Family Night. Each Wednesday we will have a time for us to be together as a church family, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with lots of options:

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:15 to 7 p.m.—Mommy and Me Class

6:30 p.m.—Music and learning for kids

— Jr./Sr. High Fellowship/Homework time

—Men's Discussion Group

—The Best Leadership Speakers from Willow Creek Global Summit & Bible Study

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir



What is Trunk 'n' Treat? It's our annual Fall Festival for those in the community. Our parking lot will be filled with decorated car trunks, offering candy, treats,

and games to play. We'll have free food, a petting zoo, etc. It's a fun time for both our church family and those who come in costume.

It's our way of reaching out to the community and it's about relationship—showing the love of Jesus. You can be a part of this fun night! Please call Bo Mircea or the office at 815-727-9259 if you would like to help on October 25th by:

Decorating your car trunk for the event

Helping to serve food

Greeting folks

Helping to set up or clean up



Throughout the Fall Season we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary as a Church! Here's what's coming up. Make sure to put these events on your calendar and plan to come.

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We have invited Habitat for Humanity, Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, CAPA, and Feed My Starving Children to talk about their mission in the community and world and our history of involvement over the years. They will show pictures and share the difference they make for others. The Matthew Miller Group will play Christian jazz music throughout the evening. Come and celebrate God at work in our world.

Feed My Starving Children—Nov. 3rd & 4th.

Please click on the FMSC button for instructions on how to sign up for any one of the 4 shift times or to help set up on Friday or clean up at the end. Then go to our church webpage, www.firstpresjoliet.org and click on the FMSC button. The Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event is our gift to the world; we will feed 101,088 children in four two hour shifts, here at 1st Pres.

History Displays in Hoffman Hall will appear with some most interesting things.

Later this month you will be able to look through 150 years of the life, ministry, and mission of our church. We are celebrating our witness, ministry, and mission at First Pres. as followers of Jesus Christ. If you have any pictures, historical pieces, bulletins, newsletters from the history of our church you are willing to loan for the historical displays, please let us know by calling the office.

Worship-Dinner Celebration of our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, December 3rd.

On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, we will hold one Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dave Fillpot, our former Co-Pastor, will return to preach. Immediately following our worship celebration we will go to the Victorian Ball Room at the Jacob Henry Estate for a wonderful Christmas Dinner.

During the Fall Season we are receiving a 150th Anniversary Special Offering. We will split the offering in half so that 50% will be given to Mission and 50% will go for updating our church facility. Half of the offering will go to Hurricane Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and half of the offering will go to redecorating Hoffman Hall and the North Entrance Hallway. If you wish to designate your gift differently than 50/50, we will honor your request.

We have one Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who loves us deeply and sends us into the world to represent him in wonderful ways. Look over all the ways we are going to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres.; that's us! Please make plans to participate and celebrate with us.

In Christ,
Craig

Sign Up for Feed My Starving Children On November 3 & 4 right here at First Pres.

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Saturday—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 is a link on our church Web Page where you can select your shift time. Or you can call the office to sign up for a shift or to help set up Hoffman Hall on Friday or clean up after the last shift on Saturday.

Invite Your Guests: 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.

Here's how to sign up:

Go to our website: firstpresjoliet.org

Click on FMSC box.

Click on blue "volunteer" box

Click on "Become a volunteer"

Click the "reserve" button for the shift you wish to work

Create a log-in by filling in your email address and a password and click on "Log in"

Select a group type that most fits your group

Fill in a Group Name of your choice

Fill in the number of volunteers you wish to register

Check if you are a volunteer or just the organizer of your group

Check that you agree to follow the guidelines

Click on "reserve spots"

To add your group names, see the box on the right of the screen and click on "add member names"

Fill in first and last name, age, and email address for each member

Click on "save" at the bottom of the page



Sue Fordyce, Ken Graham, Nancy Harbin, Roger Hileman, Charity Chishimba, John Savage, Wendy Chishimba



Wade Graefen, Jody Graefen, Keith Farr

Welcome New Members!

On October 1st, we had the pleasure of welcoming new members into our church family. In the next few weeks, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to our church family. And please add them to your church directory.

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Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital:
Barb Schwandt at Edward Hospital

October 8, 2017

Worship Attendance – 152

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$792,000

Year to Date Receipts \$374,952
Year to Date Expenses \$359,502

150th Anniversary Offering to date – \$9,809
50% for Hurricane Relief
50% for Hoffman Hall Redecorating
Or, divided as you designate.

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.