



e-News

October 4, 2017
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The Week Ahead

Worship This Sunday



“Faith First” Followers Support Christ’s Mission in their Community and World.

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 and in the middle of the evening. Come and celebrate God at work in our world.

Sunday, October 8 This Sunday I am going to preach on “A Wider Perspective,” as we think about “Faith First” living and ministry. The scripture passages for this Sunday are Ephesians 3:14-21 and Acts 1:6-8. We worship and serve a Wonderful God who has a heart of love for us and a grand vision for us to live into as his people and church. --Craig Herr

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

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

- 150th Ann. Committee—Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m.
- Day Deacons—Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m.
- PW Board—Oct. 9, 10 a.m.
- Night Deacons—Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
- 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:

- Men’s Breakfast—Oct. 6, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
- Women’s Bible Study—Oct. 11, 10 a.m.
- Thurs. AM Circle—Oct. 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—Oct. 12, 12 noon
- 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



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.

Volunteers this Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children’s Worship:

Bo Mircea

Sarah Lundeen

Holy Hunters:

Susie Gurnitz

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Susie Gurnitz

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Jillian Riebe

Ushers:

Reed Mott Capt

Paul Zettergren

Carol Zettergren

Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Turner, Capt.;

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens: Colin Herr

Best Willow Creek Leadership Summit Speakers and Bible Study. Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room we will sample some sections or clips of the best speakers from the Global Leadership Summit at Willow Creek and study selected passages of scripture which match up with the teaching. Each week the group decides which speaker they wish to focus on for the next week. This Wednesday we will think about *“The Act of Forgiveness”* by Immaculee Illibagiza who lived through the genocide in Rwanda and now teaches people all over the world how to forgive.

Possibilities for other weeks are:

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth who teaches how we can learn to persevere in life.

The Strategic Pause by Juliet Funt (her dad created Candid Camera). She talks about the importance of pausing in life, slowing down. We'll talk about what it means to “Be still and know that I am God” in Psalm 46 or Jesus going to a lonely place to pray.

Do Not Be Afraid by Gary Haugen. There is much to fear in world and society right now. Gary reminds us of Jesus saying to his followers, “Be not afraid.”

One-on-One with Melinda Gates

Power of the Other by Henry Cloud

MidWeek Family Night: Starts with Dinner at 5:30 p.m. 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. There's Dinner at 5:30. The Mommy and Me Class meets from 6:15-7:00 p.m. There's music and learning for ZooM kids at 6:30 p.m. Men's Group meets at 6:30 p.m. The Best Leadership Speakers from Willow Creek Global Summit & Bible Study discussion group meets at 6:30 p.m. Everyone can gather and be together for a delicious dinner and a time of conversation at 5:30 p.m.

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 you 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,

Craig

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

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

YOUTH

No Youth Group this Sunday, Oct. 8

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 starting this Sunday.

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

Confirmation begins tonight, October 4!

FAMILIES

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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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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.

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.

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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

October 1, 2017
Worship Attendance — 204

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

Year to Date Receipts \$363,885
Year to Date Expenses \$342,356

150th Anniversary Offering — \$7,729
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.