



e-News

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The Week Ahead

Worship This Sunday



“Better World, Better People” Series

A better world starts with you and me. Buckminster Fuller said, “It takes better people to create a better world.” Come and Worship and let God transform you into something better in Christ Jesus.

Sunday, November 5th. Have you ever thought, “My life is out of whack but I just don’t know why?” Have you ever wished you had more time... more energy? If you only knew how many times I’ve heard the words: overwhelmed, over-scheduled, exhausted...dissatisfied—words that sometimes come from my mouth, too. These thoughts, these realities, often come with the tag line, “if only life could be simpler.” Well, I think it can. Simplicity, though, is not something that just happens...it is a discipline of life. So, this Sunday we’ll look at the discipline of simplicity using Luke 10:38-42 in my sermon titled, “Simplicity – Jesus Does Care!”

— Dale Ambler

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

Our Church Family

Irene Kolmodin would like to thank you for all of your prayers, cards and get well wishes. She misses all of her friends at First Presbyterian Church and looks forward to seeing you all again soon.

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

- Day Deacons—Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.
- PW Board—Nov. 6, 10 a.m.
- Worship Council—Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
- Church Growth Council—Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Parish Council—Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee—Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
- Session—Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Men’s Breakfast—Nov. 3, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
- Women’s Bible Study—Nov. 8, 10 a.m., in Room 217
- Thursday Morning Circle—Nov. 9, 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- Mary Circle—Nov. 9, 12 noon, in the Fireside Room

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, November 5, 2017

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Bo Mircea	Sarah Lundeen Pam LeVasseur
<u>Holy Hunters:</u> <u>Greeters:</u> Bob & Mary Haas	
<u>Acolyte:</u> Maddox Lundeen	Emily Riebe
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rodgers, Capt. Allen Brooks Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt. Jan Gehrig
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Jon Belfield, Capt.; Paul & Carol Zettergren	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Keith LeVasseur	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	

First, I want to issue a Big Thank You, THANK YOU ALL, to everyone who helped with Trunk 'n' Treat last Wednesday! It was a great time for all of the children, friends, and family who came. It is a wonderful way to introduce ourselves to all who come and welcome the wider community to our church site.

Second, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is here this Friday and Saturday! We've been talking about FMSC for weeks now. And the time has come when we and many friends from our community will pack 101,088 meals for hungry children. Volunteer Spots—we can still use folks to greet and register those who come each shift. Just call the office if you can help out for about 45 minutes before a shift starts.

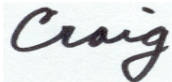
For All Who Are Packing Meals (Manna Packs) - come 15 minutes early and go to the narthex/lobby to register and then the Sanctuary/Worship Center for a brief training session. Following the training session you will go to Hoffman Hall to pack meals.

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. We have 120 people at each one of the four shifts.

Be Friendly and Make New Friends: Some 500 volunteers are visiting our church this Friday and Saturday. That's so wonderful! Please extend your hospitality to all you meet when you come.

For our 150 Anniversary Celebration, please remember to RSVP so we can plan for the celebration on December 3. We are anticipating a very special time together in Worship and then for meal fellowship at the Victorian Ballroom. So, let us know you are coming and who is coming with you, etc.

In Christ,



Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday when you retire for the night.

October 29, 2017
Worship Attendance — 192

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$397,403
Year to Date Expenses	\$405,321

150th Anniversary Offering to date — \$136,547
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.

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

YOUTH

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 Mid-Week 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.
No Jr./Sr. High Youth Group this Sunday, Nov. 5

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

Soup & Movie Night—Saturday, November 11. Make a crockpot of your favorite soup to share. We'll set up at 4:30 p.m.; tasting begins at 5 p.m. and the movies begin at 6 p.m. Choose from these 5 recently released movies:
Beauty & The Beast (the newest one) — Sanctuary
The Shack — Room 201
Priceless — Youth/Stephen Ministry Room
Moana — Cinema (Room 213-215)
Hidden Figures — Fireside Room

Decorate the Church for the Advent/Christmas Season. Help decorate the Sanctuary, Hoffman Hall, etc. on Saturday, November 25, starting at 9 a.m. Coffee, juice and coffee cake will be served. Sign up this Sunday or call Sue Lee at 815-325-2777 or the church office to volunteer.

Mission

Night Deacons' Free Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 to 10 a.m. Come on out and help greet and serve our guests!

Stars of Hope—Look for the Stars of Hope this Sunday. This program provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of MorningStar Mission families. Just pick a name, shop for gifts, and return the wrapped gifts to church. If you are unable to shop, a personal shopper will gladly shop for you (with your contribution) and wrap your gifts. The gifts are due back to church on Sunday, November 26th.



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.

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

All the packing shifts are full, but there are openings for clean-up on Saturday night. We would also like to have friendly folks welcome and greet those who come to pack. If you can help greet, please call the church office.

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

Coming soon—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