



e-News

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The Week Ahead



We all struggle at times with what God wants or with understanding our calling, and with the difficulties and the troubles that life brings our way. We are thinking about our struggles and how we can find strength and guidance in Christ. We are taking a four-week journey through the book of Jonah and supporting passages in the New Testament.

“The Struggle is Real – A Journey with Jonah”

Jonah is not some distant man who ran from God—he is US. Nineveh is not just a wicked place. It is our most hated enemy, family member, boss, coworker, divorced spouse, abuser, bully, political opponent, etc. Nineveh is the place we want to see our revenge happen in a human idea of justice.

The Struggle is Real - Part two - No?

As we are getting ready for Sunday I would encourage you to read Jonah 1 and maybe ask yourself the following question: Would I have said “No” if God spoke to me about Nineveh? For Jonah, it was a life changing decision, a pricey one, I might add. This Sunday we will explore the cost attached to his decision, what he lost as he was running away from God’s call. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday morning as we seek God’s presence and peace for our lives.

--Bo Mircea

Sunday, January 28. God loves us, cares for us, and seeks us. Come worship with us as we look to the Lord for hope and direction this week.

Music This Sunday:

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

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men’s Dinner—Jan. 26, 6 p.m. at Larry’s Diner, 24522 W. Lockport Rd., Plainfield

Men’s Breakfast—Feb. 2, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St.

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—Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)

Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in Room 214-216

Men’s Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210

Gospel of Mark 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

Chili Cook Off & Family Movie Night
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4:30 p.m. — Chili Set Up

5:00 p.m. — Chili Tasting Begins

6:00 p.m. — Movies begin

Bring a crock pot of your favorite chili, or just come for the tasting; then stay for the movies.

Playing on Jan. 27:

The Zookeeper’s Wife — Fireside Room

All Saints — Room 210

The Mountain Between Us — Room 217-218

Spotlight — The Cinema (Room 213-215)

Despicable Me 3 — Sanctuary

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Mission to the Homeless. This Sunday between services join Linda Zoellick (520-400-8396) and others to bag all of the food and items that have been given for homeless people. Then on Monday, folks are needed to take everything to MorningStar Mission and distribute the bags. Call Linda for the details.

Chili & Movie Night. It's this Saturday night! Come and bring your favorite chili and join us Saturday, January 27. Set up at 4:30 p.m. and start eating at 5:00 p.m. Movies begin at 6:00 p.m. It will be great fun! I hope to see you.

Hoffman Hall Redecoration Is In Progress. All of the wallpaper has been stripped. This week the walls are being patched and smoothed, and primed. The following week, the finish painting will begin. New wood trim chair rail will be installed and painted and all of the other painting completed in several weeks. Then there will be wallpapering of the top part of the walls, while the chair rail to the floor will be painted. In the weeks to come there will be new window treatments, blinds and valences and new light sconces added to Hoffman Hall. It is exciting to watch the décor taking shape each week.

Improving our Welcoming Culture for Guests to our Church. Ward Utterback of Welcoming Touch Ministries secretly "shopped" our church to see what it feels like to come to our congregation for the first time and then spoke to us on Sunday, January 14. This Sunday we will print his report for you to see and read. It will help us all think about how we can welcome guests to our church family.

In Christ,



KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

YOUTH

Sundays

10:00 a.m.—Jr./Sr. High Bible Study meets in Room 206
6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group—**Join us this Sunday, Jan. 28, for our Guest Speaker. Hear the life story of Kaylynn--a seventeen year old girl whose life has been changed by Jesus and her youth group.**

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner
6:30 p.m.—Teen Homework/Hangout Time

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

FAMILIES

Each Wednesday we 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 Gospel of Mark Adult Discussion Group
7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

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Mission

Mission for the Homeless—We will be packing items this Sunday in Hoffman Hall after worship. Also if you can help distribute the bags at MorningStar Mission on Monday, Jan. 29, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396. There is a list in the narthex of items needed — easy open canned goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toiletries, etc.

Night Deacons' Free Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, Feb. 3. Come on out to help greet and serve our guests, 8 to 10 a.m.

Thank you from PW. PW thanks everyone for the generous donation of warm caps and mittens. We took them to Farragut School and the Principal was most grateful.

Volunteers this Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

Holy Hunters:

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Acolytes:

Tate Albers

Zach Koehne

Ushers:

Adam Halatek, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Mark Dykema

Jen Beck

Paul Zettergren

Carol Zettergren

Coffee Fellowship: Wayne Zoellick, Capt., Sue Fordyce

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:



Craft & Vendor Fair



First Presbyterian Church - Joliet
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ALL SHOPPERS INVITED!!

Vendors/Crafters needed

Registration contracts are available on our website or call the church office.

815-727-9259 (ext 209) or www.firstpresjoliet.org

\$1 donation at the door!

Gift/Prize Drawings!

Lunch and Snacks available for purchase!

January 21, 2018

Worship Attendance — 161

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$607,088
Year to Date Expenses	\$585,142

2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$163,592.47
150th Anniversary Offering:
Hurricane Relief — \$9,224.75
Hoffman Hall Renovation — \$13,188.90
(from 150th Special Offering \$9,457.75 plus a
Memorial gift of \$3,731.15 in memory of Frank Simmons)

Please call Tracy Norris if you wish to use electronic giving through your bank. We also have online giving in which you can use your credit card.

Just go to our Website www.firstpresjoliet.org and click on "Giving."

Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2018
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Here at First Pres.

Crafters/Vendors Wanted!

Details & registration form are on our website. All money raised (excluding sales of craft items) will benefit Feed My Starving Children.

Cost is \$25 per table plus 1 item from your line donated for our "Special Drawing Table."

Pick up a registration form this Sunday.

Call Kris Hayden at 815-727-9259, ext. 209, if you have questions or are interested in participating.