



e-News

February 21 2018

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The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

ALL-OFFICER RETREAT—Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m.

Education Council—Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Men's Dinner Group—Feb. 23, 6 p.m. at Giovans
Restaurant, 1804 N. Larkin Ave., Crest Hill

Project Linus workday is Monday, February 26, 9 a.m.
- 12 noon. We will also be working on blankets for
our "Mission for the Homeless" project. Call Tari
Ambler for information, 815-351-2544.

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

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!)

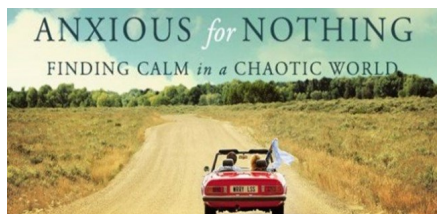
Mommy & Me Class—Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
in Room 214-216

Men's Discussion Group—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
in Room 210, *Anxious for Nothing*

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays
at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**NEW—Discussion Groups on *Anxious for Nothing*:
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., beginning February 25, in
the Fireside Room, led by Mark Morrison;**

**And Wednesday Night Women's Study at 6:30 p.m.,
led by Lisa Haldorson and Craig Herr.**



LENT: Worship/Study Series

"Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World"
by Max Lucado

Max Lucado has a great message for us that will work as long as we put it into practice in our day to day life. He writes, "Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the road you're traveling loom large with mountains to cross, obstacles to avoid and hairpin curves to navigate? Could you use some calm? If so, I have a scripture for you to read.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 is the most underlined passage in the Bible. According to this promise, anxiety comes with life, but it doesn't have to dominate your life. With God as your helper and this verse at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of sovereignty. You can discover a life that is characterized by calm and develop tools for facing the onslaughts of anxiety.

Let's invite God to reframe the way we face our fears and win the war on worry. By his power we will 'be anxious for nothing.'"

See you on Sunday! --Craig Herr

Sunday, February 25. We continue to consider what being "CALM in a CHAOTIC WORLD" might look like this Sunday. This Sunday I am preaching on "Rejoice the Lord is Merciful." The sermon texts are Philippians 3:7-14, 20-21 and Micah 6:6-8.

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir and Water Within
Worship Band

10:30 a.m. Water Within Worship Band from Nashville

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Brian Lynch at Presence St. Joseph

Sympathies are extended to Russ Mathena and family on the passing of his daughter-in-law, Dawn Mathena on Feb. 15.

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

This Saturday: 1 Concert and 2 Bands. On February 24, two Christian Bands will be at our church for a concert. The Enlivened band, a local band, will open the concert at 6:30 p.m. for the second band, Water Within band, which is from Nashville. Water Within will play at 7:00 p.m. And there will be refreshments and homemade cookies at 6:00 to welcome everyone. It will be a great night of music.

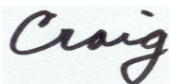
Three Ways to be in an "Anxious For Nothing" Study/Discussion Group: You can come on Sunday morning right after the 9:00 a.m. service and meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Mark Morrison, a son of our congregation and retired pastor, is facilitating this small group study. You can join the Men's Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 with Dale Amber as moderator. Finally, for Women there is a small group discussion/study in the Fireside Room on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

"The Center" Joliet Area Youth Ministry is thriving at their new home in our church. They had 40 youth plus their leadership team attend a lock-in at our church on Friday evening through Saturday morning, Feb. 10-11. Yes, they had a great retreat and turnout in the midst of our big snow. You will see their band equipment set up in Hoffman Hall in the back corner. "The Center" youth ministry meets each Thursday evening in Hoffman Hall. They have grown since coming to our church and have moved down to Hoffman Hall as we hoped and they had dreamed.

Angel House Mission Special Offering. We are asking for your support for Bhoke, Rhobi, and Lucy once again. We have been supporting these three middle school aged girls since they were in grade school. We will receive a special offering for their support over the next couple Sundays. It's a joy to see them growing up and reaching their God given potential because of the love and ministry of so many fine leaders, teachers, and servants at Angel House Mission.

All Officer Retreat for Day Deacons, Night Deacons, and Elders. We are holding the All Officer Retreat on Thursday evening, February 22. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. We will start our retreat together at 6:00 p.m. and finish by 9:00 p.m. This worked very well for us last year. Come enjoy dinner fellowship and working together on the life, ministry, and mission of our church.

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

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—Anxious for Nothing
—Women's Discussion Group—Anxious for Nothing
7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

Volunteers this Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Jacob Riebe

Holy Hunters:

Greeters:

Barb Rodgers

Judy Turner

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Carter Lundeen

Ushers:

Adam Halatek, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Helen Steinberg

Coffee Fellowship: , Capt.; Sue Fordyce

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

Mission

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Mission for the Homeless—a call to care for the poor amongst us. We'll be packing bags of food and toiletries this Sunday, Feb. 25, after worship, at the back of Hoffman Hall. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help deliver the bags.

Special Offering for our Angel House Girls—We will continue receiving a special offering for the support of Bhoke, Rhobi, and Lucy over the next two Sundays. We have been supporting these three middle school-aged girls since they were in grade school. It's a joy to see them growing up and reaching their God given potential because of the love and ministry of so many fine leaders, teachers, and servants at Angel House Mission.



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.

Cost is \$25 per table plus 1 item from your line donated for our "Special Drawing Table."
Pick up a registration form this Sunday.

All monies raised through table fees, gift drawings, and our lunch café will be going to Feed My Starving Children Campaign fundraiser for our Fall MobilPack/

The more items that are donated the more we will be able to keep our costs down. Here is a short list of some things that can help supply our lunch café that day:

- 3 cases of bottled water
- 12 -12 packs of soda - Coke/Diet Coke, Pepsi/Diet Pepsi, 7-Up/Sprite
- 3 - 50 ct. Frito Lay variety individual bags of chips

There is a sign up sheet in Hoffman Hall, if you are able to help out.

Call Kris Hayden at 815-258-8617, if you have questions or are interested in participating.



1 Concert — 2 Bands

Join us on February 24, when we welcome two Christians Bands!

Nashville-based *Water Within* was with us in worship last August and is returning for this Saturday night concert. You can listen to some of their songs on iTunes from their albums "Unlocked" and "Long Live Your Spirit."

Enlivened is a local band, which began as a youth band with The Center (formerly Christian Youth Center).

Invite you friends, neighbors & co-workers to this inspirational night of music!

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship & Refreshments
6:30 p.m.—*Enlivened* opens the concert
7:00 p.m.—*Water Within* performs

A freewill offering will be received to benefit Feed My Starving Children.

February 18, 2018

Worship Attendance — 146

Stewardship Report

2017-2018 Budget: \$ 792,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$635,921
Year to Date Expenses	\$631,527

Angel House Special Offering — \$1,890
2017-2018 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$163,592.47

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