



# e-News

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## The Week Ahead



COME & WORSHIP, JESUS IS RISEN!

“Relational Reach and Resiliency” Sermon Series  
In April and May, we are thinking about the quality of our relationships. What is your relational reach? How resilient are your relationships? We are considering what we can do to strengthen our relational reach and resiliency.

- April 22- “Reconciliation with God: Our relationship with the Lord”; II Corinthians 5:14-21
- April 29- “Relationships With Each Other: Forbearance and Forgiveness”; Colossians 3:1-17
- May 6- “Relationships with Each Other: Sharing Life and Training Up”; II Timothy 2:1-13
- May 13- “Relationships In the Community and World: We Are Sent”; Romans 12

**4th Sunday of Easter, April 22.** Relationships matter and our relationship with God is significant. This Sunday I am preaching on “Reconciliation with God.” The sermon text is II Corinthians 5:14-21. We are so fortunate that God seeks us and reaches out to us. The wonderful news is “that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them” (II Corinthians 5:19). This Sunday will focus on our relationship with God. We will think about how we are doing with God who loves us deeply in and through the Lord Jesus.

Craig

### Music this Sunday:

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

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

- Quilt Group—April 19, 7 p.m. in Room 210
- Project Linus Workday—April 23, 9 a.m. to noon in Hoffman Hall. We make blankets for children in need. Call Tari, 815-351-2544, for more information
- Women’s Bible Study—April 25, 10 a.m.; call Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762
- Men’s Dinner—April 27, 6 p.m. at Anthony’s Restaurant, 3151 Voyager Lane, 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

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

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

Men’s and Women’s Discussion Groups—Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

### Volunteers this Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

#### Children’s Worship & Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea

Val Koehne

#### Greeters:

Barb Rodgers

#### Acolytes:

Henry Young

Tait Wilson

#### Ushers:

Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Joe Milosevich

Jon Belfield

Sue Fordyce

#### Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson, Capt.;

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

### Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:

Edna Droz at Provena St. Joseph

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

**HOLLY HEYROTH, Executive Director of Angel House Mission is HERE TONIGHT!** Holly Heyroth will be joining us for dinner this evening at 5:30 p.m. at our Midweek Family Night. She will speak to us all and then meet with those who wish to know more about Angel House Mission after dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and talk with Holly.

**The Craft & Vendor Fair a Great Success.**

Please thank Parish Council members and Kris Hayden for their hard work in bringing a wonderful Craft & Vendor Fair to life last Saturday. We had many, many people visit our church and the entrance fee, breakfast, lunches, and drawing raised \$1,468 for Feed My Starving Children MobilePacking event coming this November 2 and 3.

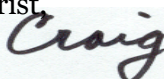
**Come and Thank Jim Mullins on Sunday, April 29.**

Jim and Carol Mullins are leaving the area and moving to St. Louis. Jim's last Sunday is April 29th. We shall miss Jim and Carol very much as they move and make a new home in St. Louis. Please express your appreciation to Jim throughout April. Jim has served in the life and ministry of our church for 12 and half years. We will say thanks to Jim and Carol at a reception in Hoffman Hall between worship services on his last Sunday, April 29.

**John King, Leader of Churches United For Christ,** is being honored at the "Community Support Banquet & Award Ceremony." The Banquet is on Saturday, May 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 411 S. Larkin Ave. You will remember seeing John King at our summer outdoor tent worship services with the community. For tickets call Ora Hol-loway at 779-279-3363.

**Ways to Grow and Learn.** Try one of our discussion groups to grow in your relationship with God and to make connections with your church family: Anxious For Nothing on Sunday mornings meets in the Fireside Room at 10 a.m., Bible Perspectives meets on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in Room 201, Tuesday Lunch Bunch Discussion Group meets at Noon in Room 210, and the Midweek Family Night with a men's study and a women's study meets at 6:30 p.m.

In Christ



**April 15, 2018**  
Worship Attendance — 204

**Stewardship Report**  
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 804,000

**Year to Date Receipts** \$45,601  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$24,121

One Great Hour of Sharing — \$705  
Feed My Starving Children —  
The Craft and Vendor Fair raised \$1,468.  
Our total now for F.M.S.C. is \$2,944

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and click on "Giving."

**KIDS**

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.

**YOUTH**

Sundays

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group — join us for a Mario Kart Tournament this Sunday!

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 6:30 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

6:30 p.m.—Supervised homework time/games for kids

—Men's Discussion Group

—Women's Discussion Group

7:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir

**Mission**

**Mission for the Homeless**—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. We don't have enough items to pack this Sunday, so we'll be packing items for the Homeless on Sunday, May 20th (as the last Sunday in May is Memorial Day Weekend). Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help.

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**Leadercast at First Pres. Joliet**  
May 4, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (includes lunch)

Join some of the world's top leadership experts via simulcast as they take the stage at Leadercast Live, the largest one-day leadership event held live in Atlanta and broadcast to locations around the globe, including First Pres.!

The speakers this year range from leadership authors to fighter pilots to astronauts. Known for their work in coaching fellow leaders or leading large organizations, these eight speakers will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Leadercast Live stage. Take charge of your leadership journey with the practical lessons and tools you'll learn from these speakers. Single registration — \$99; 3 or more from same company — \$89. Rates at the door are \$109/\$99. The registration form is on our website—[www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org)