



e-News

May 16, 2018

805 Western Ave., Joliet, IL 60435
815-727-9259 firstpresjoliet.org

"ACT-ing as the Church"
Sermon Series

The Week Ahead

Pentecost Sunday, May 20. This Sunday we begin our new sermon series, "ACT-ing as the Church: Worship." Our denomination, like others, has a very foundational understanding of Christian worship "that gives all glory, honor and praise to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us—particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are then sent out in service to glorify the same God who is active and present in the world." (PCUSA B.O.O. W-1.0101) Using Acts 2:42-47, we will begin our new sermon series by looking at worship by the Church.

Music this Sunday:

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

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

Our sympathies are extended to Marie and Bill Blunk and family on the passing of Marie's brother, Paul Kertay, of Prospect Heights, on May 10th.

The local hospitals will no longer tell us of members in the hospital; if you or a loved one wish a visit from one of our pastors, please notify the church office of the hospital and room number.

*****Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**
Church Growth Council—May 16, 3:30 p.m.

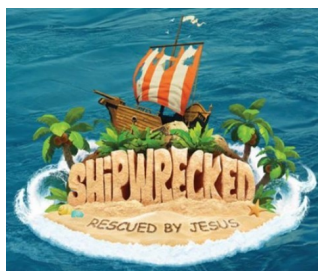
*****Annual Report Review Mtg.—May 16, 4:30 p.m.**

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

- Quilt Group—May 17, 7 p.m.
- 2nd Sunday Potluck—May 20, 11:45 a.m.
- Project Linus—May 21, 9 a.m. in Hoffman Hall
- Women's Bible Study—May 23, 10 a.m.; call Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762
- Men's Dinner—May 25, 6 p.m. at Firewater BBQ, 1847 Knapp Rd., Crest Hill
- 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
- Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesday, May 22 at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups—Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m.



At Shipwrecked VBS (June 18-22), kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-

kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Send-off that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

This year kids attending Shipwrecked VBS will join together to raise money for Feed My Starving Children.

Visit our website to register your children and to volunteer to help at Shipwrecked VBS.

Volunteers this Sunday, May 20, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship & Holy Hunters:

Bo Mircea Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Karen Luebbe Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul Maddox Lundeen

Ushers:

Allan Somers, Capt.; Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Marion Somers Jen Beck

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.;

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Todd Hayden

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Dale Ambler, Associate Pastor

Farewell to Paula Stimpert. Join us Sunday as we say goodbye to Paula after 23 years using the gift God gave her playing handbells along with being its director for the past 11.5 years. Paula and Craig are beginning a new journey in life in the state of Iowa. We will recognize Paula at both worship services as well as celebrate her ministry with us between services.

Annual Congregational Meeting. This Sunday, at the beginning of both services, we will conduct the annual meeting for the purpose of approving the pastoral terms of call and electing Lisa Kasper and Sue Mueller to be elders of the church.

Hallway refurbishing. Following up on the Hoffman Hall renovation will be renovation of the hallways outside the Fireside Room, the Western Avenue entrance and the north entrance of the church. Working days will be determined based on outside weather (i.e., if raining outside, the work is inside).

Stove Replacement. Installation of the new stoves that were donated to the church has begun. Part of the installation means stripping and re-waxing of the kitchen floor. Therefore, the kitchen will not be accessible until Sunday morning. The new stoves will be going in beginning Monday of next week.

New Sermon Series: "ACT-ing as the Church." "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The beginning of the Church...an act of God. This Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season with Pentecost. Could there be a better time to start a new sermon series grounded in the beginning of the Church?

The Acts of the Apostles contain many wonders and events—some might even call them strange at times... scales fall from Saul's blinded eyes, an earthquake opens jail cells and, of course, tongues of fire above people's heads. This Sunday we begin a new sermon series meant to look at the many aspects of the church and grounded in Acts 2:42-47, including:

- May 20: "ACT-ing as the Church"—Worship
- May 27: "ACT-ing as the Church"—Hospitality
- June 3: "ACT-ing as the Church"—Discipleship
- June 10: "ACT-ing as the Church"—Service
- June 17: "ACT-ing as the Church"—Goodwill

In Christ,



KIDS

Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 18-22. Register your kids online on our website; and you can also register yourself to help at VBS!

YOUTH

Sundays

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group—End of the year JELLO FIGHT is this Sunday!

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 6:30 p.m.

FAMILIES

2nd Sunday Potluck is THIS Sunday!

Plan to join us for a great lunch and spend some quality time with friends. We'll gather right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share; dishes can be warmed up in the microwave since our new ovens will not be installed. Bring whatever you like – it'll be a true potluck. If you prefer to attend early service, you can stay through an "extended" coffee hour until the service ends or go run an errand and come back at 11:30. We'll have plenty of time to eat and visit together. About 40 folks gathered in April for our inaugural 2nd Sunday Potluck. Questions? Call Jen Gabl, 815-954-1254.

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

June 20, 6:30 p.m. — "ED"ertainment with host Ed Thompson; a hilarious, fun "family approved" mix of Christian comedy, music and encouragement.

July 18, 6:30 p.m.—Matthew Miller Group; enjoy Jazz sounds from voice, vibraphone, guitar, flute & drums.

August 15, 6:30 p.m.—Calvary Quartet of Orland Park, IL with special guest Royce Laverman; enjoy Southern Gospel Hymns and more.

May 13, 2018

Worship Attendance — 185

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 804,000

Year to Date Receipts	\$76,267
Year to Date Expenses	\$77,512

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$3,344
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 and click on "Giving."



Ladies Paint Night is Tuesday, June 5. We'll gather at 5:30 p.m. and start painting at 6 p.m. Ladies age 18+ are invited to come discover their artistic skills and spend time getting to know other women at FPJ. Please RSVP to Karissa Fleming by May 29th. The cost (which includes all supplies) is \$40 a person if we have 8-15 people; but is only \$35 per person if we have more than 15. Gather your friends and sign up together for this fun evening. If you need childcare, please let Karissa know.

Sounds of Summer Free Concert Series

First Presbyterian Church of Joliet and its Parish Council will present concerts on the 3rd Wednesdays of June, July and August. The evenings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and dessert, with the concerts starting at 7 p.m. We kick off the concert series on June 20 with "ED"ertainment, a funny and inspirational show. Host Ed Thompson, a third-generation missionary, acclaimed recording artist and published author, will share his message of hope by mixing music and comedy in a family-friendly format. Following the concert, there will be more time for fellowship and refreshments. The concerts are free; there will be a freewill offering accepted to benefit First Pres.'s Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event this fall.

The New Members Class is Sunday, May 20, following the second service. Bring a dish to share and join us for our "2nd Sunday Potluck," have some time for fellowship, and then attend the class at 1 p.m. This is a great time to learn more about the life and ministry of First Pres. and to meet some great folks. New Members will officially join First Pres. on Sunday, June 10. Talk to one of our pastors if you are interested in attending the New Members Class.

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'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.

Project Linus Workday is Monday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Hoffman Hall. We'll work on blankets for Project Linus, one week early due to Memorial Day. Bring your cutting scissors to make no-sew fleece blankets to be given to area children in need. We will meet through the summer on June 25, July 23 and Aug 27. Call Tari Ambler at 815-351-2544 for more information, .

Kids Summer Lunch Program—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 6 through August 17. Kids Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be served a FREE nutritious boxed lunch. This year kids can come at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for open gym. Tuesdays are movie days; and on Thursdays and Fridays crafts, board games, etc. will be offered during the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. timeframe. If you can help with the activities or help distribute the meals, call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 or 708-744-2161 (cell).