



# e-News

May 23, 2018

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"ACT-ing as the Church"  
Sermon Series

The Week Ahead

**Sunday, May 27.** This Sunday we will look at "Hospitality—A way to welcome God" as we continue our journey in Jerusalem, witnessing the birth and the growth of the first church. Hospitality is at the heart of the Scriptures, both Old and New Testament, a way for God to invite people into His Kingdom. The people of the Old Testament were called to be a witness to God's faithfulness for all nations, and the same calling resounds just as loud for us, the church. I invite you to read Acts 2 in preparation for Sunday morning, and ask yourself the question: How can I be a witness in today's world?

See you Sunday, Bo M.

**Music this Sunday:**

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

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

- Men's Dinner—May 25, 6 p.m. at Firewater BBQ, 1847 Knapp Rd., Crest Hill
- Men's Breakfast—June 1, 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
- Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Memorial Day, May 28—Office Closed



At Shipwrecked VBS, 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.

**Volunteers this Sunday, May 27, 2018**

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship &amp; Holy Hunters:</u>	
Stefanie Young	Kyla Fris
<u>Greeters:</u>	
Don & Raelene Barnes	
<u>Acolytes:</u>	
Tate Albers	Kyle Koehne
<u>Ushers:</u>	
, Capt.; Ed Schultz, Capt.;	
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Wayne Zoellick, Capt.; Estella Jurkovich	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Keith LeVasseur	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Matt Blaser	

**May 20, 2018**  
Worship Attendance — 201

**Stewardship Report**  
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

**Year to Date Receipts** \$85,878  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$80,222

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

**Biking Group to Start**



Parish Council is starting a new bicycle riding small group for all ages and skill levels. The rides will be on area bike trails on Saturday or Sunday afternoons starting in June and going through October as weather permits. If interested in being involved with these new group outings text or call Jon Belfield at 815-592-0956.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

### **Happening this Sunday:**

Join us during coffee hour in the Fireside Room to support and encourage Colin Becker as he reads his Statement of Faith. This is an important part of Colin's faith journey as he gets to share some of the things he has learned over the past months in confirmation, but also it is a time for us as a church to celebrate what God is doing in his life. Confirmation Sunday is June 3rd.

### **Coming up:**

**Ladies Paint Night.** Talk to Karissa about this fun event happening on Tuesday, June 5th. It's a time to be creative and a time to get to know someone new.

**New Members Received.** We will receive new members into our congregation during both services on June 10th. Be sure to come and welcome them into membership of our church family.

In Christ,

Bo



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.

## **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**

Mark your calendar for June 10—Tie Dye Shirt Event, @ 12:45 p.m. right after 2nd Sunday Potluck Confirmation—

Our last class is tonight at 5:30 p.m.

## **FAMILIES**

### **Sounds of Summer Concert Series**

June 20, 6:30 p.m. — “ED”ertainment. 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.

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.

## 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. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help.

**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).

### Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

Judy Jordan “feels very blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you Pastor Craig, for the visit—it really touched my heart; and also a big thanks to Dave Steinberg for lining up meals. Thank you all for the calls, cards and meals.” — Judy

