



# e-News

October 17, 2018

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## The Week Ahead

### \*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Human Resources Council—Oct. 24, 8 a.m.

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

Quilt Group—Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

Project Linus—Oct. 22, 9 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Bible Discussion Group—Oct. 23, 12 noon

Women’s Bible Study—Oct. 24, 10 a.m.; call Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762

Trunk ‘n’ Treat—Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Dinner—Oct. 26, 6 p.m. at P.J. Mulligans (Prairie Bluff Golf Club), 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport

Youth Group to Fright Fest—Oct. 27, 9 a.m.

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

## Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ

This week we continue our sermon series on "Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ" with "Radical Hospitality." I will be using John 1:35-39a and Romans 15:1-9a as a foundation for this topic that is often misunderstood. Often in our culture, hospitality is seen as entertaining people or impressing others. Seen through the lens of Scripture, though, hospitality is distinguished from entertaining by who we are. Specifically, seen through who Jesus is, we find that his hospitality was countercultural and inclusive —Jesus hung out with all kinds of people...sinners, tax collectors; what many today consider "riffraff." So, come and see this Sunday what hospitality can be like if we see it and live it out just like Jesus...who first welcomed us.

— Dale Ambler

### Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir,

10:30 a.m. — Worship Band, Children’s Choir

Children’s Choir—meet this Sunday, October 21, at 10:00 in the children’s choir room to run the song with the band. Parents can text Kristina at 815-603-8101 with questions.

## Mission

**Feed My Starving Children**—November 2 & 3; Register on our website, firstpresjoliet.org. Just click on the FMSC box and follow the directions. There is still space in some of the Saturday shifts, Set-Up and Clean-Up.

**Project Linus**—Project Linus workday is October 22, 9 a.m. to noon. As the weather gets colder, the blankets we donate to children in need and to those who are homeless are even more appreciated. Join us to make fleece blankets and easy quilts and please bring your sewing scissors. Call Tari Ambler, 815-351-2544 for more information.

**Stephen Ministry**—We have trained Stephen Ministers who are eager to walk alongside anyone who needs someone to provide caring listening and supportive conversation. If you need someone to talk to during a difficult time or a time of change or a time when you are recovering from one of life’s challenges, call Kris Hayden, First Pres. Stephen Leader, @ 815-725-3696 or 815-258-8617 (cell).

**Mission to the Homeless**—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. Now that fall is here, warm hats, gloves, and socks are especially needed. If you work for a company that would like to share in this mission, call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396. Our next packing day is October 28th.

### Volunteers this Sunday, October 21, 2018

#### 9:00 a.m.

#### 10:30 a.m.

#### Children’s Worship:

Stefanie Young

Kaleigh Belfield

#### Greeters:

Jill Strimel

Jan Gehrig

Jan Gehrig

#### Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Kellen House

#### Ushers:

Allan Somers

Ed Schultz

Marion Somers

Mark Dykema

Jen Beck

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Jasmine Maxwell

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

Ministry at First Pres. in the Fall is really something that makes me love this season! Especially this year! We are blessed to have two amazing opportunities to serve our community here in Joliet and also around the world.

First is Trunk 'n' Treat! I still remember speaking with Ken Pritz in my office, when he pointed his finger at me and reminded me that: "TnT is all about the Kids, Bo!" As a church we have been a neighborhood church for 150 years, and today, just like in the first day, this community needs a reminder that the church is a safe place for everyone. So I would encourage you to come out on Oct. 24 and be involved for a few hours of just fun ministry. We still need people to come and help serve food, greet or bring a trunk. Put on your most creative costume and come bring some smiles to kids' faces.

Second is Feed My Starving Children! November 2-3 is just around the corner, but the preparations are under way, and the shifts of volunteers are filling up fast. From volunteers as young as 5 to the more wiser, older ones, there is a place for you to come and be part of this great family service opportunity. At the end of the two days you will have the satisfaction of helping to pack 109,000 meals for needs all around the world.

So come "fall in love" with this season of ministry!  
See you on Sunday,  
Bo M.

Trunk 'n' Treat  
Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Be a Part of the Fun, Share the Joy as we Welcome children and their families in the love of Christ.

There are all sorts of opportunities to serve — Set-Up, Clean-Up, Serving Food, Greeting, and of course the all-important Decorating a Trunk! Just call Bo or sign up this Sunday.



This year we will have something new—Live Music—featuring *Water Within!* And of course, the Petting Zoo, Classic Cars, Fire Truck, etc. will all be returning. It will

be a wonderful Fall Festival.

## KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week TONIGHT!

**Trunk 'n' Treat is next Wednesday!** Come join the fun.

**Bible Sunday** is Oct. 28 and letters have gone out to parents; if you have a child 4 years old, in 3rd grade or in 6th grade who would like to receive an age-appropriate Bible, please return your card or call the church office at 815-727-9259 by October 22.

## YOUTH

**Teen Bible Study.** We continue with *The Screwtape Letters* at Mid-Week Family Night.

**Wildfire Youth Group.** Meet this Sunday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Next Saturday is Fright Fest at 6 Flags!

## FAMILIES

**Mid-Week Family Night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:30 p.m.—Kids Music & Learning

—Teen Bible Study

—Men's Bible Discussion Group (Proverbs)

—Women's Discussion Group (Bob Goff's book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*)

Mid-Week Family Night will not meet next Wednesday, October 24, because it's Trunk 'n' Treat! No Teen Bible Study or Men's & Women's Discussion Groups

**Soup & Movie Night**—save the date —

November 10 — and plan what soup recipe you will make!

### Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital:

Jeannette Miller at Presence St. Joseph

Thanks to all my friends at First Presbyterian Church who helped me celebrate my 102th birthday on October 14th. —Margaret Lucas

#### October 14, 2018

Worship Attendance — 175

#### Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

**Year to Date Receipts** \$349,616

**Year to Date Expenses** \$393,341

Peace Offering — \$314

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$7,801

(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds

300 Children for an entire year)

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$4,000

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