



e-News

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Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ
November 18 Conclusion to the Five Practices

Post Note Ministry and/or Mission Ideas. In the Narthex/Lobby area you will find five, 8' by 4' boards; one for each practice. As we take this journey, you are invited to use the post notes to suggest something we could do to move our church forward in faith, hope, and action.

Write your idea on a post note and place it on the board it goes with. The actions, ideas, are about helping us be the church, and to do something that moves us ahead as followers of Christ Jesus.

Pick up a copy of *Five Practices* by Robert Schnase. It's a great book, and then start reading, thinking, and imagining. Share your ideas in any area of ministry on one of the boards. They will be up for several more weeks. You might have a new idea for something we have never done before. You might have an idea to do something we currently do with a different twist to it. Now is the time to share some of your ideas for ministry at First Pres.

This Sunday I am preaching on "Showing Yourself to be my Disciples." The sermon texts are John 15:5-8, Ephesians 5:1-2, and Matthew 7:15-20. Jesus said, "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." We have been thinking about Living In Hope by being fruitful followers of Jesus that, together, we might be a Fruitful Congregation that "bears much fruit." Come and worship this Sunday as we seek to follow the Lord Jesus into the future he has for us.

--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers

10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

Mission

It's here!! Our Micro Pantry!

First Pres. continues to find new ways to help ease the burden of hunger and food insecurity in our community. Lisa Kasper worked hard to get the Micro Pantry here and is the one focusing on keeping it filled and available to the community. The pantry was delivered last Friday completely full and by Saturday, it was half empty. Lisa refilled it again and on Sunday found it depleted once again. In just a couple of days our Micro Pantry is having a positive impact in our community!! Lisa is working with Linda and Wayne Zoellick as well as Kendall Fris to grow this ministry for those in need.



PW Second Time Around Christmas Sale—As you haul out those boxes of Christmas ornaments and trim, it's natural not to use ALL of them. In fact, very often we leave the same ones behind, wishing we could find a spot for them. Problem solved! We will hold a Christmas Resale Shop in Hoffman Hall on Saturday, December 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the following day at Coffee Hour. Christmas themed decorations, attractively priced, will be on sale. By popular request, Christmas sweaters and Santa Suits are okay, but please, no other clothing. When you go to decorate, keep our sale in mind. Proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women mission projects. Donations will be accepted December 2-7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please leave them under the coat rack by the Fireside Room. Thank you!

Stars of Hope—There are still some Stars of Hope left. The Stars of Hope program provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of MorningStar Mission families. Just stop by the table in Hoffman Hall this Sunday, pick a name, shop for gifts, and return the wrapped gifts to church. If you are unable to shop, a personal shopper will gladly shop for you (with your contribution) and wrap your gifts. The wrapped gifts will be due back to church by Sunday, December 2.

Mission to the Homeless—Easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. are always needed and 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. The next packing day is Sunday, November 25, between services.

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

Community Thanksgiving Service at First Pres. this year! Four other local congregations are joining us for this Service on Tuesday evening, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary/Worship Center. Following the service, we will have a fellowship time in Hoffman Hall with beverages and dessert.

We still need help in one area. We need that special person who can run the coffee maker and make coffee for us. We could use a few folks who will help clean up, too. Just call the office or let me know if you can help. Thanks so much!

Church Officer Nominations. We are seeking nominations for Day Deacons, Night Deacons, and Elders. Please speak with a pastor, e-mail the office or talk to a nominating committee member: Don Barnes or Reed Mott. Suggestions as well as self-recommendations are welcome.

Stars of Hope. There are still some Stars of Hope available in Hoffman Hall. You choose a star and then shop for the items that are on the wish list and then return the item(s) with the Star attached on by Sunday, December 2. Or if you prefer, you can donate \$40 and someone will do the shopping for you. It's a great way to help a child in need.

In Christ,
Craig

Men of First Pres. Superbowl Watch Party on November 26, 2018. How is this possible? As a team building activity, we are watching a DVD of the 1986 Superbowl starring the Chicago Bears. Our favorites will be there--McMahon, McMichaels, Payton—even Ditka, and many others. Please join us at the church on Monday, November 26, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Big screen event. Pizza before half time. Please invite another man from First Pres. Male teens are men of First Pres. Bring one!

*****Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**

Church Growth Council—Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m.
Human Resources Council—Nov. 21, 8 a.m.

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

Quilt Group—Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.
Men's Dinner—Nov. 16, 6 p.m. at McBrides on 52, 2727 W. Jefferson St., Joliet. RSVP to Bob Smietanski at 815-838-7616
Community Thanksgiving Service—Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. here at First Pres.

Praise Yoga—not meeting Thanksgiving week; join us Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. & Thursday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week tonight.

YOUTH

Wildfire Youth Group:

Did you know that Jesus only taught for three years? He is known as one of the most influential teachers in the world and he did that in just three years. He has changed lives for thousands of years and continues to change our lives. This week we will take a look at Jesus' life, especially in those three world-changing years. We will have small groups and a game as well!

Midweek Teen Bible Study:

Tonight is going to be an excellent lesson! This country is torn by opinions, politics, racism, sexism, and classism. We are living in an age of peace comparatively to other times in Human History, yet we feel the blows of discontent so much more because of how quickly news travels via the internet, social media, and 24 hour news. This week's letter will talk about the dangers of extremism in any direction. We may think we are fighting for a cause, but if we forget Christ, then who are we really fighting for?

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*)

Volunteers this Sunday, November 18, 2018

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Children's Worship:</u> Stefanie Young	Sarah Lundeen
<u>Greeters:</u> Marvin Balsley	Jan Gehrig
<u>Acolytes:</u> Emma Corcoran	Trevor Lakin
<u>Ushers:</u> Allan Somers Marion Somers Mark Dykema Jen Beck	Ed Schultz Lisa Ambler
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Roger Hileman, Capt.;	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u>	