



# e-News

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## The Week Ahead



"Relational Reach and Resiliency" Sermon Series

**7th Sunday of Easter, May 13.** As we gather for Mother's Day this Sunday, we conclude our current sermon series on Relational Reach and Resiliency by taking a look at "Our Work in the World" using Romans 12:9-21 as a sermon text. Amid the busyness of our lives and the never-ending competition for our time, we are still faced with the reality of being disciples of Jesus. Join us Sunday as we tackle this part of strengthening the relationships important in life with those we know and those we are yet to know.

### Music this Sunday:

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

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

Executive Comm.—May 10, 6 p.m.  
Session—May 10, 7 p.m.  
Church Growth Council—May 16, 3:30 p.m.  
**Annual Report Review Mtg.—May 16, 4:30 p.m.**

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

Thursday Morning Circle—May 10, 9:15 a.m.  
Mary Circle—May 10, 12 noon  
Dinner Out—May 15, 6 p.m. at Route 52 Roadhouse,  
525 S. State St., Manhattan  
Quilt Group—May 17, 7 p.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  
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study—Saturdays  
at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups—Wednesdays  
at 6:30 p.m., May 9 & 16

### Volunteers this Sunday, May 13, 2018

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

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

Megan Pritz

Val Koehne

#### Greeters:

Emma Sticklen

Pat Costion

#### Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Zach Koehne

#### Ushers:

Adam Halatak, Capt

Lisa Ambler, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Mark Morrison

Roger Hileman

Coffee Fellowship: Capts.; Estella Jurkovich; Jim &

Barb Schwandt

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens: Matt Blaser



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.

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

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER...

Dale Ambler, Associate Pastor

This past Sunday, Barb Rodgers told us of the need for 7 additional volunteers for this year's **Summer Lunch Program** in order to be able to serve lunches five days a week. Barb especially needs 3 individuals who are able to be certified as leaders for a given day. What this means is participating in a 1.5 hour class at a nearby location in order to fully understand the workings of the program. This need is based on a Northern Illinois Food Bank requirement. Last year we served over 600 lunches and gave away 100 books to kids from the neighborhood near our church. If you are able to help with this important ministry, I encourage you to contact Barb Rodgers at 708-744-2161.

### Looking ahead to May 20th....

We will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** at both services to approve pastoral terms of call and to elect Lisa Kasper and Sue Mueller as Elders. In preparation for this meeting, we will have a working meeting for those interested in discussing the Annual Report in a little more detail than available on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please join us in Room 210 on Wednesday, May 16, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Also on May 20th, we will say **farewell to Paula Stimpert** at both services for her many years of service with the Glory Ringers as she begins a new journey in life with her husband, Craig.

**And...Potluck Lunch** at 12:00 p.m.

**New Members Orientation** at 1:00 p.m.

In Christ,



**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.

#### May 6, 2018

Worship Attendance — 143

#### Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 804,000

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	\$68,984
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$61,198

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."

## 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 —no meeting this Sunday; spend time with your mom.

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 6:30 p.m.

## FAMILIES

### 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.

## 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.

**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).

### Ministry of Music—Summer Music Sign-up.

Sign up to share your musical talents with your church family during the summer months. August 12 is still open. Please call the office if you want that date!