



# e-News

October 10, 2018

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**Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ**  
Robert Schnase, the author of Five Practices, shares how we can “live out the irresistible message and mission of Jesus in our world today.”

Thousands of Congregations and many, many Followers of Christ have grown in their witness, character, faithfulness and joy through living out the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.” Through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity, we grow in our relationship with Jesus and in living the life Christ calls us to live. This works for individual disciples and churches of all shapes and sizes and ministry contexts.

October 14	Passionate Worship
October 21	Radical Hospitality
October 28	Intentional Faith Development (Reformation Sunday)
November 4	Risk-taking Mission and Service
November 11	Extravagant Generosity (Youth Sunday)
November 18	Conclusion to the Five Practices --Craig Herr

This Sunday I am preaching on “Passionate Worship.” Exodus 9:1 —Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.’” That verse always made me wonder what is at stake when we understand worship just as one hour spent in church on a Sunday morning, or when we say: Today’s worship was great! This Sunday I invite you to come on the journey of the Israelites as they learned the meaning of worship, as they discovered what God had in mind when God set them free from the slavery of Egypt. Yes, Passionate Worship is more than a feeling, or the good vibes we might experience in a Sunday service; Passionate Worship is a radical way of living out God’s promise. Come and worship.

Blessings,

--Bo Mircea

## Music this Sunday:

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

## The Week Ahead

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

Church Growth Council—Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m.  
Executive Committee—Oct. 11, 6 p.m.  
Session—Oct. 11, 7 p.m.  
Parish Council—Oct. 14, 11:45 a.m.

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

Thursday Morning Circle—Oct. 11, 9:15 a.m.  
Mary Circle—Oct. 11, bring a sack lunch at 12 noon; dessert and meeting/Bible study at 12:30 p.m.  
2nd Sunday Potluck—Oct. 14, 11:45 a.m.; bring a dish to share and join us for lunch and fellowship  
Lunch Bunch Bible Discussion Group—Oct. 16, 12 noon in Room 210 (I Corinthians)  
Dinner Out—Oct. 16, 6 p.m. at Backroads Pub & Grill, 13717 S. Route 30, Plainfield  
Men’s Discussion Group—Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. (Proverbs)  
Women’s Discussion Group—Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. (*Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*)  
Quilt Group—Oct. 18, 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

### Volunteers this Sunday, October 14, 2018

9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<u>Children’s Worship:</u> Kaleigh Belfield	Kaleigh Belfield
<u>Greeters:</u> Emma Sticklen	
<u>Acolytes:</u> Tate Albers	Rafe Rogers
<u>Ushers:</u> Barb Rodgers Mark Dykema Sue Mueller	Ed Schultz Laura House
<u>Coffee Fellowship:</u> Pat Costion, Capt.;	
<u>Sound Room:</u> Rich Pool	
<u>Video Screens:</u> Todd Hayden	

**Celebrate 10 Years of Ministry for Kim Belfield and Rosie Opelt** between our worship services this Sunday, October 14. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Kim and a gift for Rosie, please use the envelope you received in the mail. Kim and Rosie have a wonderful ministry to our children and families.

**We Need More Trunks for Trunk 'n' Treat** on Wednesday, October 24. At this point we have 16 trunks and we need to get to 30 very soon to make the most of this opportunity to serve our community. Trunk 'n' Treat is a great, great time for lots of children and families. It's a way to welcome so many people to our church for a wonderful time and evening. There are many ways you can help out as we create a joyful and fun evening for our neighborhood and community. Please volunteer and decorate a trunk. You will be glad you did!

**SIGN UP NOW for Shifts at our FMSC Mobile-Pack Event.** The sign up Link is working on our Website for you to pick a time to pack food for our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event on November 2-3. Go to [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org) and then find the Feed My Starving MobilePack link to choose the time you wish to volunteer. The two Saturday afternoon sessions are in need of more people right now. Think about coming to pack and then going out to dinner.

We also need people for the Set-Up Session Friday afternoon and the Clean-Up Session at the end on Saturday. You can see the schedule online. The goal is to pack 109,000 meals to feed 300 children for an entire year!

Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world. Help us raise \$23,900 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the 109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents; \$50 provides one box of 216 meals; and \$80 feeds one child for an entire year!

In Christ,  
Craig

Feed My Starving Children  
SHIFT INFORMATION

Day	Date	Shift	Time	Stations
Friday	2-Nov	Set up	3:30-5:30PM	
Friday	2-Nov	1	6-8PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	2	9:30-11:30AM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	3	12:30-2:30PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	4	3-5PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	Clean Up	5-7PM	

## KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week TONIGHT!

Save the date—October 24, **Trunk 'n' Treat!** Sign up this Sunday to help or to decorate a trunk.

**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.

## 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*)

**2nd Sunday Potluck** is October 14. We'll gather right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share, drop it off in the kitchen, and head to worship.

## Community Bulletin Board

The Housing Authority of Joliet announces that registration is continuing (until Dec. 31, 2018) for the 1 bedroom waiting list for elderly individuals (age 62 and older), near-elderly individuals (age 50 to 61), and for individuals with disabilities. Applicants may register for the waiting list by visiting the Joliet Housing Authority website, [www.hajoliet.org](http://www.hajoliet.org).

Shorewood Glen's Fall Festival is October 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The festival is free to the public and offers food, raffles, crafts and fun!

Channahon UMC's "That's Amore" Craft & Vendor Fair is also this Saturday, October 13, 9 to 2 p.m., 24751 W. Eames St. Channahon.

## Mission

**Feed My Starving Children**—November 2 & 3; Register on our website, [firstpresjoliet.org](http://firstpresjoliet.org). Just click on the FMSC box and follow the directions. We have 4 shifts, plus Set-Up and Clean-Up.

Friday Night—6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday—9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; 3 to 5 p.m.

Ask your extended family, clubs, sports teams, neighbors, etc. to sign up, too—it's fun to work as a group!

**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. 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.

### Our Church Family

#### Known to be in the Hospital:

Glenn Brosell at Presence St. Joseph

Congratulations to Becky and Vishnu Narayanan on the birth of Maya Evangeline on September 28th in Forrest Park. Grandparents are Mark and Carol Morrison.

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.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Mid-Week Teen Bible Study:

This week we will be reading the fourth letter in the *Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. In the letter Screwtape will instruct his devilish nephew how to interrupt a person's prayer life. Have you ever been praying when all of sudden you realize you're thinking about last week's lunch instead? I know my prayers—especially after a long day—quickly become weird. Join us this week as we examine how the devil uses our humanity against us in an attempt to get us away from God. Mid-week dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the study begins around 6:30 p.m. It's a great time to learn and then check in with each other!

### Wildfire Youth Group:

This week we will be meeting a man from Aunt Martha's. They are a healthcare company especially dedicated to providing good medical care to those in need. Many of us probably go to a doctor when we aren't feeling well, but for some that isn't possible. Some families have to choose to sacrifice a necessity (a bill or even groceries) to visit the doctor. Join us as we hear from some people working in the community so people don't have to make that decision. Wildfire meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

### Meet the Students:

Meet Evan! Evan is a great soccer player who enjoys running, a lot. He also runs on the cross country team for his school! He loves to explore places he's never been and enjoyed going to Seattle, Washington, this past summer. He enjoys reading, especially *The Mazerunner* series. His favorite food is hotdogs! Lastly, as a lot of our talented students, he likes to play music! Evan's instruments include the piano and trombone. Evan's in sixth grade and this is the first year he's been with us at Wildfire—and we couldn't be happier! See more of Evan at #TeenTakeOver on November 11!

— Karissa



### October 7, 2018

Worship Attendance — 157

### Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>	\$340,531
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$374,533

Peace Offering — \$269

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$7,646  
(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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