



e-News

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"RUN YOUR RACE" SERMON SERIES

We turn our attention to how we run our race of faith in the hope, peace, and joy of the Gospel. On week 1, Pastor Dale challenged us to live "A God-Inspired Life" by living for others. Last Sunday I encouraged us to "Run In Hope" by Remembering who God is, Reaching for Hope each day, Restricting what we let into our Hearts, and Resting in the Lord's presence. We continue to look at how we follow the Lord Jesus. Are we present to the One who is present to us? Are we listening to his voice? What does he have in mind for us now?

"Run Your Race" Sermon Series

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| January 6 | A God Inspired Life
Philippians 2:12-18 |
| January 13 | In Hope
I Corinthians 9:24 |
| January 20 | Overcoming Obstacles
Hebrews 12:1-4, Psalm 27 |
| January 27 | Don't Run Alone |

I am preaching this Sunday on "Overcoming Obstacles." As you prepare for Sunday worship, please read the sermon passages: Hebrews 12:1-4 and Psalm 27. Every race has its challenges, obstacles and impediments. It is the same with our race of faith and life. We will think about overcoming the hardships of life that inevitably come to us as we seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

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

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Worship Council—Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m.
Education Council—Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Quilt Group—Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
Men's Dinner—Jan. 25, 6 p.m. at Thayer Brothers
(cash only), 753 Ruby, Joliet
Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night—Jan. 26

Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Jan. 22,
12 noon
C4 Men's Discussion Group—Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at
8 a.m. in the Narthex

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: Mary Caisley at Edward Hospital.

The hospitals will no longer call to tell us if members have been admitted, so please let us know if you or a member of your family is in the hospital.

Volunteers this Sunday, January 20, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Dave & Sharon Cavanaugh

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Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

Bo Mircea

Greeters:

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Kellen House

Liturgists:

Mary Jane Johnson

Hunter Belfield

Ushers:

Allen Brooks, Capt.

Misti Lakin, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Laura House

Colin Becker

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield & Hunter Belfield, Capts.;
Colin Becker, Maria Kaiser

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

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

Helping Hands Surpasses 4,000 Meals! Our Helping Hands Ministry, led by Betty Jones and Dave Steinberg, has prepared and delivered 4,000 meals by the end of November 2018 and surpassed the 4,000 meal mark in December. Thanks so much everyone for this expression of your caring love. Please express your appreciation to Betty and Dave when you see them.

"Chili Cook-off & Movie Night" is coming up on Saturday, January 26. Plan to come and share your very own crockpot of chili at 4:30 p.m. Tasting begins at 5 p.m. with Movies at 6 p.m. It's a great time and evening. Click on the "Chili Cook-Off & Movies Night" icon for the selection of movies.

We Vote to Change the Church Bylaws this Sunday and Elect Night Deacons. This Sunday the congregation is being asked to change our church bylaws to allow us, according to the discretion of the session, the ability to elect more than one youth member to be a Deacon or Elder. We do think it's better to have more than one youth serve together at a time as a Deacon or Elder.

This Sunday, January 20, We Ordain and Install Deacons and Elders. We will ordain and install new Day Deacons, Night Deacons, and Elders at both worship services this Sunday, January 20. We will welcome our new leaders into service and thank our outgoing leaders as well.

Thanks Everyone Who Helped Take-Down Christmas Decorations Last Saturday. We had a great time taking down the Christmas Decorations throughout the church. We not only took down the decorations, we also improved our storage areas by cleaning out old things and putting the decorations in plastic storage bins. It was a fun time, and a productive time as well, a great time for fellowship and conversation.

In Christ,
Craig

January 13, 2019
Worship Attendance — 162

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

Year to Date Receipts	\$594,544
Year to Date Expenses	\$611,085

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$14,000

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, and click on "Giving." Tracy is also receiving Pre-Pledges for 2019 and 25% of pre-pledged giving is used for January-March 2019, while 75% is used for April-December of 2019.

KIDS

Mid-Week Family Night resumes TONIGHT, January 16. Kids will have a Movie Night—wear your PJ's and bring your blankie!

YOUTH

Midweek Teen Bible Study: Welcome back to our favorite Wednesday activity! This Wednesday, after dinner, we will begin studying the book of Matthew. Sometimes opening the Bible on our own can be intimidating—it's a big book with small print! Join us on this journey as we read through the first book in the New Testament. We will begin by looking at Jesus' genealogy and what that messy family tree means for us. Teen Bible Study meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wildfire Youth Group: You know what's interesting about Jesus? He was only in the public for three years, he did not have a manager, no social media; and yet 2,000 years later we still believe Him to be God! This Sunday we will look at a few crucial pieces of evidence that point to Jesus as being one with the father, including: Jesus' forgiveness of sins, His sinless life, Jesus' acceptance of worship to Him, and the way He taught with divine authority. We look forward to seeing the students on Sunday for a fun game, snacks, this lesson, and small group! Wildfire Youth Group meets from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; students in grades 6-12 are welcome!

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night. We resume tonight with Family Dinner, Kids' Movie Night, and Men & Women's Discussion Groups.

Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night—Jan. 26

Chili Set-Up — 4:30 p.m.

Tasting — 5 p.m.

Movies begin — 6 p.m.

The Greatest Showman

Shark Boy & Lava Girl

The Star

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Beautifully Broken

Mission

Mission to the Homeless—Easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. are always needed and now that winter 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 Micro Pantry is filling a need in our community. The "Take what you need, leave what you can" policy is designed to allow anonymous food pick-up for those in need and a drop-off point for those who wish to donate.

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).

Thank you to the following people who helped decorate the church in December and pack up and put away the decorations in January.

Worship Council - Sue Mueller, Sue Lee, Sarah Lundeen, Craig Herr, and Pat Costion

Decorating 12/1

Anna Rowzee, Barb & Jim Schwandt, Carla DeYoung, Craig Herr, Diane Milosevich, Jana & Bob Rudisill, Jean Bailey, Jon Belfield & Hunter, Karen Myers, Kim Bolte, Kris & Todd Hayden & Cory & Camron & Lizzy Cockream, Misty & Teddy Lakin & Carter & Trevor, Pat Costion, Roger Hileman, Sharon & Dave Cavanaugh, Sharon Schaefer, Sue Lee, Sue Mueller, Tandy Penhale, Zander & Christian Sticklen

Poinsettia Setup 12/14

Carol & Dan Kline, Carol & Paul Zettergren, Jana & Bob Rudisill, Karen Myers, Pat Costion, Sharon Schaefer, Sue Mueller

Christmas Decoration Take-Down 1/12

Carolyn Schaeffer, Craig Herr, Dave & Sharon Cavanaugh, Duke Barnes, Hunter Belfield, Maria Kaiser, Karen Myers, Kris & Todd Hayden & Camron & Lizzy Cockream, LuAnn & Cliff Stepina, Mike House & Kellen & Sadie, Misty & Teddy Lakin & Carter & Trevor, Pat Costion, Reed Mott, Sarah Lundeen & Evan, Sue Fordyce & Emma, Sue Mueller, Tari & Dale Ambler