



e-News

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"The Gospel of Mark" Summer Sermon Series

Over the summer, until September 1, we are going through a 14-week study of the Gospel of Mark. I encourage you to start reading the Gospel of Mark, the shortest Gospel, in preparation for our Sermon Study Series and throughout the summer. Most weeks you can read one chapter and come prepared for the Sunday morning Sermon and worship.

- June 16 "The Shape of the Kingdom"
Mark Chapter 3
June 23 "What God Does and We Can Do"
Mark Chapter 4

I look forward to preaching this Sunday. I am preaching on "The Shape of the Kingdom" from Mark's Gospel, 3:6-15 and verse 34. Here we see the shape of the Kingdom of God in Jesus' ministry. There is great joy, healings, and the gathering of crowds to see and hear Jesus. There is also significant opposition. When the presence of God shows up in Jesus, many are attracted to his presence, while others are threatened. We will think about what the Kingdom of God looks like in our world.
--Craig

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Kristina Wilson
10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

June 9, 2019

Worship Attendance — 151

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935

Year to Date Receipts \$142,647

Year to Date Expenses \$149,997

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, and click on "Giving."

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—June 12, 4:30 p.m.
Executive Committee—June 13, 6 p.m.
Session—June 13, 7 p.m.
Mission Council—June 18, 4:45 p.m.
Human Resources Council—June 19, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Mary Circle—June 13, 12 noon at the home of Andrea Warren
Dinner Out—June 18, 6 p.m. at Cookies' Restaurant & Lounge, 103 Mondamin, Minooka
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

VBS Training is Wednesday, June 19, 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.

ROAR Vacation Bible School June 24-28

Make New Friends
Perform Amazing Experiments
Play Creative Games
Eat Super-Fun Snacks
Have Surprising Adventures
Sing Incredible Music

AND, discover that even though life can get wild, God is Good! See you at Roar VBS, June 24-28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Register online at www.firstpresjoliet.org.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Passed to Life Eternal:
Roy Cousins (June 8)

A Memorial Service for Roy Cousins will be held Friday, June 14, 12 noon at Blackburn Funeral Home. Visitation is 11 a.m. to time of service.

Sympathies are extended to Mark Dykema on the passing of his mother, Marcia Dykema of Carol Stream, IL, on June 7.

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

We are in the Season of Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ with us through the power of the Holy Spirit within each one of us. This Sunday we are thinking about what the presence of God looks like in our world and time. Join us for worship as you seek the presence of the Christ.

Summer "Roar" VBS. NOW is the time to sign up to volunteer in some way for Summer VBS, June 24-28. It's a wonderful, fun-filled week in which to share the love and joy of Jesus Christ with all of the children and families that come to First Pres. that week. It's a great time to bring your children and grandchildren and to invite children from your neighborhood and school. Registration for both volunteers and participants can be done on our website. Look for the VBS Roar Icon Box and click on it.

Mary Lynn Keir begins serving as our Pastor of Visitation this week. She was out calling Tuesday afternoon, as I was writing this. She is going to visit members in the hospitals, homes, and nursing homes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Instead of visiting all in one day, she is going to visit over two days each week. I am sure you will enjoy seeing Mary Lynn when she visits.

Habitat Home Build News. Thirteen Churches and several organizations are going to participate in building the new Habitat House at 1517 N. Raynor Ave. That's exciting news! Groundbreaking has been postponed until July because of all of the rain we've experienced. Hopefully, things will dry out by the end of June. As soon as an organizational meeting date for all of the churches involved is chosen, we will publish it in the Newsletter and Sunday Bulletin.

Join us to Celebrate Sherry Buffington's Ministry. Sherry Buffington has served in our Church Office for nearly 30 years and is retiring the end of June. That represents a lot of wonderful and faithful ministry to all of us. She has served in a secretarial capacity and for many years as our "Outreach Ministry Assistant." We are going to have a cake reception for her between services on Sunday, June 30. You are also invited to contribute toward a gift for her and will receive a mailing later this week.

In Christ,
Craig

This Sunday (Father's Day) is Nametag Sunday! Be prepared to write down your father's favorite hobby on your nametag—and start a conversation with someone you don't know!

KIDS

Roar VBS is coming June 24-28. Register now for a fun week. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Come join the fun. Register online at firstpresjoliet.org.

YOUTH

Teen Sunday School: No Sunday school this week. Enjoy Father's Day! May you celebrate a dad who was a great image bearer of God and if not, remember you have a Heavenly Father who loves you very much!

TwentySomeone: We will meet tonight at 7:30 and discuss Chapters 1 and 2 from the book. People 18-30 are welcome to join this study in discovering who God created you to be!

MISSION

Help fill empty shelves & stomachs!

There are several opportunities at First Pres. to help those in our community who are food insecure—

Our Micro Pantry offers canned and packaged food to those in need. You can help by bringing food or by offering to check the pantry one day a week and filling it with food we have on hand.

"Bags of Love" are filled with easy open food donations the last Sunday of the month and taken to MorningStar Mission for distribution. There are bins in the Narthex for your donations.

The Free Summer Lunch Program is offered Monday through Friday, June 5 through August 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help the kids open their boxed lunches, and to help with activities. Call Barb Rodgers at 708-744-2161.

Volunteers this Sunday, June 16, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Connection Center:

Sue Mueller & Jill Strimel

Children's Worship:

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Liturgists:

Ushers:

Adam Halatek, Capt.

Roger Hileman

Mark Dykema

Lilly Dunbar

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt.; Adam Halatek

Sound: Rich Pool

Video Screens:

10:30 a.m.

Sue Mueller & Jill Strimel

Pam LeVasseur

Jan Gehrig

Carter Lundeen

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Misti Lakin