



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 23	"What God Does and We Can Do" Mark 4:26-34
June 30	"Jesus Amid the Crowd" Mark 5:21-43
July 7	"I Quit Being Fearful to Follow" Mark 6:45-56

This Sunday I am preaching on "What God Does and We Can Do." The sermon text is from Mark's Gospel 4:26-34. We see in two parables what God is doing to grow the Kingdom or Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. God makes our ministry and mission grow and develop. We also see what we can do. We are to scatter and sow the good seeds of the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and in deed. We trust that God will use us and grow his will in the world as we are faithful to Christ's call and leadership in our lives.

--Craig

Music this Sunday:

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

June 16, 2019	
Worship Attendance — 138	
Stewardship Report	
2019-2020 Budget: \$ 760,935	
Year to Date Receipts	\$159,961
Year to Date Expenses	\$157,442
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

VBS Training—Wednesday, June 19, 6 p.m. AND Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.

ROAR VBS—June 24-28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Project Linus will not meet this month; next meeting is July 22.

Ladies Night In—June 25, 6:30 p.m.

TwentySomeone—Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m.

We'll discuss chapters 3 & 4.

Men's Dinner—June 28, 6 p.m. at P.J. Mulligans (Prairie Bluff Golf Club)

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

Praise Yoga—is taking a 2-week break during VBS week and the first week in July. We'll resume July 9 at 7 p.m. and July 11 at 8 a.m. in the Narthex

Volunteers this Sunday, June 23, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Don & Raelene Barnes

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Children's Worship:

Stefanie Young

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Reed Mott

Acolytes:

Cameron Paul

Sadie House

Liturgists:

Ushers:

Mark Fumagalli, Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Fordyce, Capt.; Colin Becker

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Matt Blaser



Ladies Night In
June 25, 6:30 p.m.

It's Game Night! But these aren't just any games, they're Karissa approved games, which means they are guaranteed to be unusual, challenging and fun! Come take a break from the everyday and do something different. Bet you'll go home with a smile on your face!

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

This is the Third Sunday of the Pentecost Season. We will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at the 9:00 a.m. service this Sunday as Jill and Mike Strimel bring Jacob for Baptism. This Sunday we will study how God through the Holy Spirit works in our lives to support, lead, and guide us as disciples of Jesus. Come and celebrate the goodness and grace of God with your church family this Sunday.

You will see some amazing and exciting props and set-up for Summer "Roar" VBS this Sunday! It's exciting to see what our VBS volunteers are doing around the church this week. There is still time to sign up to volunteer in some way this summer for our wonderful, fun-filled VBS week of June 24-28. We get to share the love and joy of Jesus Christ with all of the children and families that come to First Pres. at VBS. Registration for both volunteers and participants can be done on our website. Look for the VBS Roar Icon Box and click on it.

We are exploring the possibility of a Verizon Booster Cell Antennae Site at the church. The Stewardship Council with the guidance of the Session has been having a conversation with Verizon about adding a cell booster antennae site on the Church Bell Tower. Some equipment would be housed on the top of back side of the Hoffman Hall roof. Cell antennae would be added to the Bell Tower and the Bell Tower would be made 10 feet taller. This Sunday you can see pictures and plans on a table in the Narthex area and on a table in Hoffman Hall. This is a long process and we have not yet agreed to a lease with Verizon. We are in the discussion stages. Verizon is submitting a plan for permitting the project to the City of Joliet should we decide to move forward with the project. However, at this time we are not in agreement on the draft lease proposal. Please take a look at the plans and let us know what you think.

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 should have already received a mailing.

In Christ,
Craig

KIDS

Roar VBS is NEXT WEEK! The decorations are up and its going to be a fun week, learning that even though life can get wild, God is always good. Parent letters will be going out at the end of the week.

YOUTH

Teen Sunday School: This Sunday—10:05 to 10:30 a.m. We're talking about the names Jesus is called in the Bible.

Twentysomeone: Wednesday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. We'll discuss Chapters 3 & 4; young 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. Especially needed are easy open meals/entrees. We'll be packing on Sunday, June 30, between services.

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.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Sympathies are extended to Diane and Jim McDonald and family on the passing of Diane's father, Harry Cobourn, on June 14.