



"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 and throughout the summer. Most weeks you can read one chapter and come prepared for the Sunday morning Sermon and worship.

July 21 Mark 8:27—35 "On the Way"
July 28 Mark 1-13 "the Things to Come"

This Sunday we continue our study in the book of Mark, Carrie Kapral is sharing God's word with us. She writes:

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ." Peter was correct—but when he said it, he did not truly understand what that meant. As Bob Goff said, "Following Jesus will cost each of us something different." On Sunday we will dip our toes in Chapter 8 of Mark's gospel and think about what it means to follow Jesus.

Have a blessed day,
Bo M.

NAME TAG SUNDAY!

This Sunday remember to get a name tag at either Church entrance! Introduce yourself to someone new and help strengthen our community!

July 14, 2019

Worship Attendance — 140

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$231,015

Year to Date Expenses \$208,682

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

We offer several convenient options for electronic giving. Please visit our website or call Tracy Norris for more information.

e-News

July 17, 2019

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The Week Ahead

Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

TwentySomeone—Text Karissa at 815-954-3047 for details on our next meeting.

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

Praise Yoga—July 18th at 8 a.m. and July 23rd at 7P.M. in the Narthex

Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Parish Council—July 21, 11:45 a.m.

Jul 14 - Sermon highlights:

Mark 7:1-23 A New Day for Religion

Traditions give us a sense of safety and sometimes pride. And while some tradition are celebrated and meant to unify, the same traditions can have the opposite effect in today's environments. Jesus dealt with the traditions of his time by challenging them with a simple question: What is the motivation behind this tradition? Today is a new day for living out our Christian traditions in a culture that desires to see our lives lived in an authentic way that reflects the Word of God, coming from a heart full of passion for God.

Music This Sunday:

9 :00 Service: Men's Quartet
10:30 Service: Worship Band

Volunteers this Sunday, July 21, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Reed Mott and Susan Mott

Children's Worship:

Laura House

Pam LeVasseur

Greeters:

Betsey O'Mara

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Kellen House

Ushers:

Roger Hileman, Capt.
Mark Dykema

Ed Schultz, Capt

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt

Sound Room: Keith LaVasseur

Video Screens: Dale Endres

THE PASTOR'S CORNER...Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor

This Sunday, as we gather to celebrate the grace of God, we will welcome back our youth from their Mission trip to Pocahontas, Virginia. They will share some of their experiences and what they learned in their time away. Come, welcome them back, and listen to their story as we worship the Lord together. For more news please visit their blog.

<https://firstpresmissiontrips.wordpress.com>

Volunteer for the Free Summer Lunch Program.

The Free Summer Lunch Program has been going a month now, since Wednesday, June 5. Lunch is from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747 to volunteer or ask questions. We have a group of grade school boys who would love to have someone play board games with them.

The Latest News for our Habitat Home Build,

The Groundbreaking ceremony is set for Friday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. Thirteen Churches and several organizations are going to participate in building the new Habitat House at 1517 N. Raynor Ave. That's exciting news. Things are drying out and building will start in August after the groundbreaking. I should know soon the date for the meeting with all of the churches involved.

Web Site - This past week our website was moved to a new server. During that time our email was down, but it will be fully resolved soon. Sorry if we missed any communication from you. I would like to encourage you to visit our website as it is a great tool to keep you connected with what is coming up, calendar, blog. Also if you missed the sermon on Sunday, you are always able to listen to it online or on your phone through our church app.

In Christ,
Bo

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

Sympathies are extended for Harriet O'Malley and Lynnette Hopwood on the recent death of Harriet's brother (Lynnette's uncle) in Louisiana.

YOUTH

FAMILIES! Save the date — August 25 for the All-Church Picnic. Delicious food, fun games and great fellowship!

Teen Sunday School: Sundays at 10 a.m.

TwentySomeone: If you are interested in this laid-back small group and aged 18-30, please text Karissa, 815-954-3047. The more the merrier!

Sr. High Girls Beach Day— 7/19, CHANGE: Due to weather conditions the trip will now be to Centennial Beach in Naperville, IL. Meet at FPJ and be ready to leave at 11 a.m.

Project Linus — meets the 4th Monday of each month. Join us to make fleece blankets and easy quilts for area children in need. Please bring your sewing scissors. Call Pat Costion at 815-592-1013 or Barb Schwandt at 815-230-0096 for more information.



On July 23 from 6:30pm-9:00pm the women of FPJ are going to head to Happy Daisy Art Studio in Morris for a night of painting! We will be painting wine glasses and you can even ask for stemless glasses if you prefer. The above picture, a four seasons set, will be the design for the evening! You must buy a ticket ahead of time to attend. To buy this ticket you can head to <https://happy-daisy-art-studio.myshopify.com/products/07-23-19-four-seasons-wine-glass-paint-sip-party> Or, you can call Jillian at (630)448-2278 and pay over the phone. There is also a link on the church's homepage that will directly link you to buy a ticket. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 keep on hand. Donations should be of prepackaged goods only, please refrain from donating homemade dishes.

"Bags of Love" are filled with easy-open food donations, socks, and toiletries 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 canned meals/entrees.

The **Free Summer Lunch Program** is offered Monday through Friday, through August 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children K-12 Grade are served a free nutritious boxed lunch. If you'd like to help with serving or activities (crafts, reading, etc.), please contact Barb Rodgers at 815-439-3747.