



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

July 7 "I Quit Being Fearful to Follow"  
Mark 6:45-56

July 14 Mark 7

I am preaching this Sunday on "I Quit Being Fearful to Follow." The sermon text is from Mark's Gospel 6:45-56. Chapter 6 shows us how the disciples expand their understanding of who Jesus is and overcome their fears to follow him, as they are challenged in ministry situations. Jesus takes the disciples to his home town and encounters great unbelief and criticism, then he sends the twelve out, two by two, to do ministry on their own, John the Baptist is beheaded, the 5,000 are fed by Jesus after the disciples tell him to send the people away, and finally Jesus walks on water to the disciples who are in a boat on the Sea of Galilee and they were terrified and afraid. We see the disciples challenged and needing to face their fears to follow Jesus. It's a good passage for our time.

--Craig

### Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m.— Brenda Savage & Rita Berglund

10:30 a.m.—Worship Band

### **June 30, 2019**

Worship Attendance — 156

### **Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

**Year to Date Receipts** \$207,990

**Year to Date Expenses** \$184,951

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](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org), and click on "Giving."

## The Week Ahead

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

Men's Breakfast—July 5, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet

Women's Bible Study—July 10, 10 a.m.; contact

Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762

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—Due to the Fourth of July holiday we won't meet tomorrow morning but we WILL meet tonight at 7 p.m. instead. Our normal schedule will resume next week, July 9 at 7 p.m. and July 11 at 8 a.m. in the Narthex.

## Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: No one.

A Memorial Service for Joan Pettigrew will be held Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m., here at First Presbyterian Church.

### Volunteers this Sunday, July 7, 2019

#### 9:00 a.m.

#### 10:30 a.m.

#### Connection Center:

Sue Mueller, Jill Strimel

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#### Children's Worship:

Kaleigh Belfield

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#### Greeters:

#### Acolytes:

Trevor Lakin

#### Ushers:

Jon Belfield, Capt.

Mark Dykema

Hunter Belfield

Laura House, Capt.

Mark Morrison

Coffee Fellowship: Barb Rodgers & Colin Becker, Capts.;

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens:

Free Pancake Breakfast, July 6:

Cooks: Roger Hileman, Adam Halatak, Bob Becker,  
Jasmine Maxwell, Justin Keir

Helpers: Mark Fumagalli, Colin Becker, Barb Rodgers

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

**This Sunday**, We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship services. We will be doing our Hymn Sings during the month of July at the 9:00 a.m. service. Come 5-6 minutes early and we'll sing your favorite hymns before we start the worship service. We continue our study of the Gospel of Mark as we make our way through the summer months. Read chapter 6 of Mark to prepare for worship this Sunday and see what God will do.

**We are searching for a Full-Time Custodian.**

We've started to receive resumes for our Custodian Position. If you know someone who is looking for a full time custodian position please ask them to give us a call.

**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.

**We welcome Ellen Kientop to the office team.**

Ellen will be starting to work in the office as our Secretary-Ministry Outreach Assistant. She has experience in the President's Office of Lewis University and completed an Art Minor in college. She has experience with computers, social media, leading organizations and people management. We are excited that Ellen will be joining our office team.

In Christ,

Craig



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 <http://happy-daisy-art-studio-myshopify.com> and find the event on July 23 (it will have the same display photo as the one above!). Or, you can call Jillian at (630)448-2278 and pay over the phone. There is also a button on the church's homepage that will directly link you to buy a ticket. Happy Daisy Art Studio is located at 202 Liberty St, Morris, IL 60450. We look forward to seeing you there!

**YOUTH**

Teen Sunday School: No class this Sunday; we'll be on the Senior High Mission Trip!

**FAMILIES**

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

Wildfire Youth Group: Pray for the high school students and adult leaders who are heading to Pocahontas, VA this weekend! On Sunday morning, Karissa will send a text update to Bo and Craig so the congregation can know where we are and pray for us! Thank you! You can follow our adventure by reading our blog. Just click on the link on the homepage of the First Pres. website.

TwentySomeone: Karissa and Amber will continue to meet for TwentySomeone, but we are changing times and locations. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday to discuss the journaling questions, the book's views, and finding biblical answers/context. If you are interested in this laid-back small group and aged 18-30, please text Karissa, 815-954-3047. The more the merrier!

**MISSION**

**Help fill empty shelves & stomachs!**

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

Night Deacons Free Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, July 6. Come on out and help greet and serve our guests!

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.

“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.