



# e-News

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## “The Gospel of Mark” Summer Sermon Series

We are making our journey, this Summer, through the Gospel of Mark. We started on June 2 and will finish up on September 1. It’s 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 each week. On most weeks you can read one chapter and come prepared for the Sunday morning Sermon and worship. However, the final several weeks we will be choosing texts from two chapters.

- August 18 “Choose to Love” Mark 12:28-34
- August 25 “Choose to Prepare”  
Mark 13:32-36; 14:12-16
- September 1 Mark 15-16

This Sunday, I am preaching on “Choose to Love” from Mark 12:28-34. This is one of Jesus’ most remembered teachings on how we should live. Jesus taught we should love God and love our neighbor. I think of Mark Twain’s remarks, “It ain’t those parts of the Bible that I can’t understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.” it is easy for us to say that we understand we are to love God and to love our neighbor. On the other hand, it far harder to do than it is for us to understand. Join us this Sunday as we seek to live in such a way that we choose to love.

--Craig Herr

### Music This Sunday:

*First Service* : Summer Choir  
*Second Service*: Worship Band

To sing with the Summer Choir just meet in the Choir room at 8:15 Sunday morning to practice! All are welcome!

### The Week Ahead

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

- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
- Praise Yoga—Thursdays at 8AM and Tuesdays at 7 PM
- Church Growth Council — 8/14 at 4:30 pm
- Comm. Services Council — 8/15 at 8 a.m. in Hoffman Hall
- Executive Committee — 8/15 at 6 p.m. in room 201
- Session — 8/15 at 7 p.m. in room 210
- Human Resources Council— 8/21 at 8 a.m. in room 210

### August 11, 2019

Worship Attendance — 169

#### **Stewardship Report**

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

**Year to Date Income** \$257,775  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$243,426  
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — -0-

**Farragut Elementary School Supplies:**  
\$ 2,672 Special Offering

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

### **Volunteers this Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

#### Connection Center:

Sue Mueller and Jill Strimer

#### Children’s Worship:

Stefanie Young

Pam LeVasseur

#### Greeters:

Emma Sticklan

#### Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Evan Lundeen

#### Ushers:

Roger Hileman Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt

Mark Dykema

Colin Becker

Sue Mueller

Coffee Fellowship: Jasmine Maxwell, Capt

Sound Room:

Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

Todd Haydem

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

**This Sunday**, Jesus teaches us to love God and to love our neighbor. Come and worship with us this Sunday as we dwell in the presence of God who is love, according to the disciple John.

**The E-News Has a New Look.** We've reformatted the E-News to make it more reader friendly. Now you can open the E-News on one page and scroll down through it to see what's going on in the life, ministry, and mission of First Pres. The Pictures indicate each section of the E-News so it's easy to go to the section or area of ministry you wish to read about each week. Whether you use a smart phone, tablet or computer you can see what's going on at First Pres. and be involved. Let us know how it's working for you!

**The Latest News for our Habitat Home Build**, There's a volunteer meeting here at First Pres. for all the churches involved on Thursday evening, September 5. Watch for exact time. Work on the home will begin in mid-September. Typical hours to volunteer for will be Wednesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please let Craig or the office know how you would like to help in building a new home. We've been waiting a long time for this to come together. Now we are getting very close.

**Thank you for your wonderful response for School Supplies for Farragut Elementary School.** We received \$2,672 for school supplies for the children at Farragut Elementary School. We are purchasing composition books for all of the students in the school. They will have fresh new composition books that will be filled with assignments that help them develop their writing skills. Again, thank you for your enthusiastic and great response.

**Attention First Pres. Women!** Save the date of Saturday, September 28 for the 2019 Ladies Retreat "Not Just for Dress Up." It's a great time from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to be together at the Jacob Henry Mansion. Plan to come and spread the news!

**Tuesday Lunch Study- The Book of Revelation, starts September 17.**

We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Both Bob Haus and I will be leading the class. We will be using the Kerygma Curriculum- The Book of Revelation: Visions for the Church in Crisis as we prepare for each class session. Our study begins on September 17 at Noon. Bring your lunch and come ready for lively discussions, conversation, and caring fellowship.



Sunday, August 11 "Palm Branches in August "

*Mark 11:1-11* is a traditional Palm Sunday text; yet even outside of Palm Sunday, this text is a powerful reminder of who Jesus is and what it means when Jesus is our Lord and Savior every day of the year. We can always shout, "Hosanna!"

**Past Sermons are available to hear on our website and app! Under "Media", then "Sermons"**

<https://www.firstpresjoliet.org/sermons-2/>

#### 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.

#### Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: no one

Sympathies are extended for Holly, Jack, Tommy, and Ellen Cowgill for the loss of Mark Cowgill on August 8th.



## Backyard Movie Night

**08/16/19; 8:00pm**



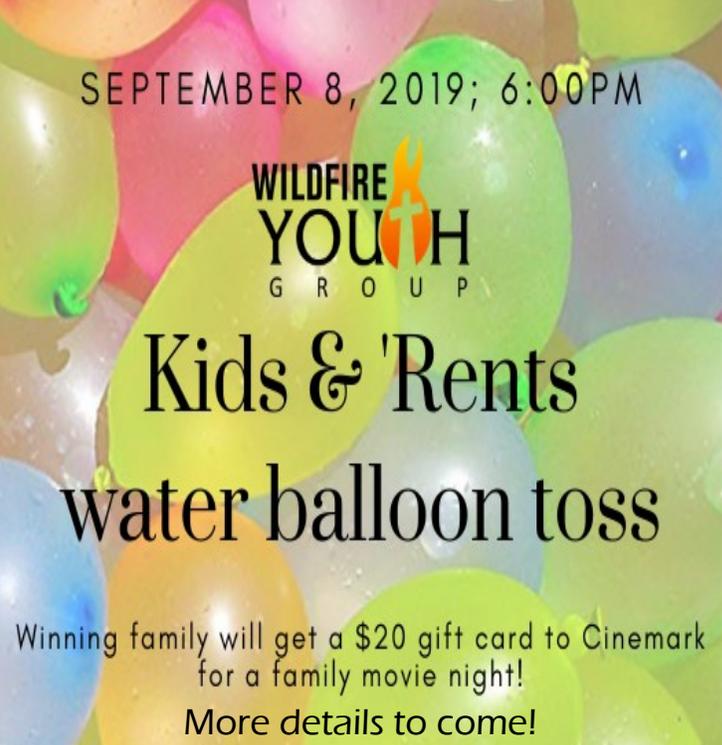
It's the last time for fellowship as a group before the Youth Group School year begins! This Friday at 8:00pm Matt Pritz is hosting an outdoor movie night. His address is 1102 Kelly Ave Joliet, IL. The movie is sure to delight and snacks will be provided. This event is 8:00pm-10:00pm. All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome. It'll be a great way to decompress after the first week of school! If you have any questions, call or text Karissa: 815-954-3047.

# Mark Your Calendars!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
FIRST PRES  
LADIES RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2019  
AT THE JACOB HENRY  
MANSION!

Or cut these out and put them on your fridge as a nice reminder!



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019; 6:00PM

**WILDFIRE  
YOUTH  
GROUP**

## Kids & Rents water balloon toss

Winning family will get a \$20 gift card to Cinemark for a family movie night!  
More details to come!

For more information on the Ladies' Retreat and the registration form check our website, there is a link on the home page!

Printed registration forms are also available in the office.



ANNUAL CHURCH  
**Picnic**

**Sunday, August 25th at Inwood Pavilion**

**3000 W. Jefferson St.—Joliet**

**11:30am—Lunch served at 12 noon.**

Enjoy Burgers, Brats and Dogs, Chips, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Italian Pasta Salad, Kids & Family Games, Bingo and more!

Bring your favorite lawn chair

Those wishing to bring a dish to share may do so  
(suggested : Last names: A-L —Salad M-Z Dessert)

**This is a FREE event open to our congregation, friends and family!**



*Ladies' Night Out*

Our wonderful Pat Costion has opened her home so that we may have an FPJ Ladies Night OUT in August! One of the best summer activities is a bonfire. We can make s'mores, swap stories, and just enjoy the glow of the flames.

Join us as we enjoy the fellowship of a bonfire, a lesson on what it means to give a sacrifice with a "pleasing aroma" to the Lord, and participant in an updated fire sacrifice of whatever is taking up most of your thought life. This is not an evening you want to miss! It will be on August 27, 2019 at 6:30pm. Contact Karissa for the address: 815-954-3047