



"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.

August 11: "Palm Branches in August" Mark 11:1-11

August 18: "Choose to Love" Mark 12:28-34

August 25: "Choose to Prepare"
Mark 13:32-36; 14:12-16

This Sunday, for "Palm Branches in August," Carrie writes the following.

"We are far from Palm Sunday. It is either in the past, or in the future, depending on whether we look back at 2019 or ahead to 2020. We are in the midst of ordinary time on the church calendar - a time when there are no "special" times — no Palm Sunday or Easter; no Christ the King Sunday, no advent, no Christmas. Just regular, ordinary time. Mark 11:1-11 is a traditional Palm Sunday text — how do we read these verses in August? Are there palm branches in August? This passage is rich with reminders 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!" Palm branches in August? Absolutely."

--Carrie Kapral

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!

Thank You

Many thanks to you all for celebrating my retirement with the nice reception and gracious retirement gift. Thank you, too, for the many notes of appreciation and encouragement, recently and over the years. I treasure your kind words. It has been my great pleasure to work with you and for you, the wonderful folks who are First Presbyterian Church, Joliet.

With love and gratitude,
Sherry Buffington

e-News

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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 in the Narthex

Women's Bible Study — Thursday the 8th at 10AM

Second Sunday Potluck— Join us in Hoffman Hall after second service, consider bringing a dish to share!

Parish Council — Sunday 8/11 at 11:45

Night Deacons Meeting — 8/13 at 7pm

Church Growth Council — 8/14 at 4:30 pm

August 4, 2019

Worship Attendance — 155

Stewardship Report

2019-2020 Budget: \$ 768,135

Year to Date Income \$251,175

Year to Date Expenses \$241,941

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

Farragut Elementary School Supplies:

\$ 1,498.76 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 11, 2019

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Connection Center:

Sue Mueller and Jill Strimer

Children's Worship:

Megan Prtiz

Kaleigh Belfield

Greeters:

Emma Sticklan

Acolytes:

Trevor Lakin

Ushers:

Roger Hileman Capt.

Ed Schultz, Capt

Mark Dykema

Misti Laken

Coffee Fellowship: Lisa Haldorson, Capt

Sound Room:

Rich Pool

Video Screens:

Matt Blaser

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

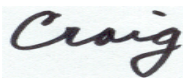
This Sunday, We recognize and give thoughtful reflection to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in our lives and in the world. Come and be refreshed and renewed in worship.

The Latest News for our Habitat Home Build, The Habitat Groundbreaking Ceremony is this Friday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the 1517 North Raynor Ave. lot.

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.

We have a new look for the E-News. We've reformatting 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 easily see what's going on at First Pres. and be involved. Let us know how it's working. Thanks so much!

Potluck Sunday is this Sunday, August 11. We eat lunch, in Hoffman Hall, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share or run out and pick something up and return to a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.



Sunday, August 4 "Choose to Serve" Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

Into this time of High Life Satisfaction for the Disciples, Jesus begins a three part sermon on service, sacrifice and suffering. We see the repetition of these themes in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of Mark. We find 3 predictions of the going to the cross followed by the 3 failures of the Disciples to understand, and then 3 teaching sessions by Jesus. This passage, Mark 10:35-45 is the third teaching session by Jesus. Jesus invites the Disciples and us as well, to serve, sacrifice and suffer for the Gospel, saying, "

***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve but to give his life as a ransom for many.* (Mark 10:45).**

I think of Amy Carmichael's poem,
*"Hast thou no scar?
No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star:
Hast thou no scar?
Hast thou no wound?
No wound? No scar?
Yes, as the master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me;
But thine are whole. Can one have followed far
Who has no wound? No scar? "*

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

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

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital: no one

Sympathies are extended for Evelyn Mbi, Susan Ebotetah, John Mbi, and Peter Mbi for the loss of Rebecca Agborbesong, sister to Evelyn and Susan. Becky died on July 23rd in Duram, North Carolina.

The visitation for Ellen Vaughn will be Saturday the 10th at 10 a.m., the service will follow at 11.

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.



Not only have the beloved FPJ students been busy this summer with mission trips, but the fire of fellowship has been kept lit as well! In June members of the Youth Group not only participated in our ROAR VBS, but some spent time together getting ice cream and talking about their upcoming summer plans. In July we did have missions, but each of those missions allowed for plenty of play! The High School kids were able to explore a National Park in West Virginia on Wednesday and experience the thrills of roller coasters on Saturday! Jr. High girls enjoyed a day at the pool the following week – soaking up the sun and talking about last year's Jr. High trip – while the High School girls enjoyed a separate pool day all to themselves! When it came time for the Jr. High Mission Trip we were sure to not make it "all work and no play." We attended an outdoor movie, went to a pool party, and tie dyed shirts! The High School boys also enjoyed a trip to Starved Rock where they were able to run, jump, and hike to their hearts' content. And the summer still isn't over and we are so excited about our upcoming August fellowship event!



Mark Your Calendars!

Backyard Movie Night

08/16/19; 8:00pm



On August 16 at 8:00pm we will be meeting at Matt Pritz's house for an outdoor movie of our own! Make sure you bring your own blanket or chair to sit on. Plus, even if the day is warm the nights usually get chilly so bring a sweatshirt or a blanket! Snacks and drinks will be provided. For Matt's address, text Karissa at 815-954-3047

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!



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