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This Sunday we started a new sermon series on the book of Acts — **A New Day for The Church — A new Opportunity for you.** The Book of Acts, is a letter from Luke to Theophilus, and captures the life of the early church in the light of the resurrection.

Sunday, May 16th : Guest Preacher!

Joining us in worship this Sunday, is Rev. Eric Heinekamp, Transformational General Presbytery and Stated Clerk of Blackhawk Presbytery. Rev. Eric is going to preach on Paul and his embracing of the call that Jesus extends to him on the road to Damascus. Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

We have **1 worship service online** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website).

There Is one service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Reservations are required by contacting the office by noon on the Friday before.

The new church guide book/directory will be printed this year so if you need to update your information please contact the office to do so.

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT! MAY 15th!

Lot opens at 7:45, movie at 8:15 pm
\$5 Donation per car gets you a treat bag
All donations support PINK HEALS Joliet
Film being shown is "The War With Grandpa" (2020) PG

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Celebration of Life for Donna Nelson will be on
5/23 Visitation @ 11am Celebration @12pm
At Old Central Church on the Jacob Henry Estate
Online registration at www.tiny.cc/DonnaNelson

Save the Date! June 13th, 2021 Pastor Craig Herr's Retirement Celebration

Remember to contact the office to make your
reservations for worship service !

Praise Yoga is meeting again!

Tuesdays @7pm and Thursday @ 8:30
In the Narthex, bring a mask!

THIS WEEK'S BLOG—BOOK OF ACTS—5/13-19

5/13 Ch. 4:5-37—Peter Addresses the Sanhedrin
5/14 Chapter 5:1-16—Ananias & Sapphira
5/17 Chapter 5:17-32—The 2nd Persecution
5/18 Ch.5:33-42—Gamaliel Speaks
5/19 Ch.6:1-8—Love Overcomes Dissention

CONFIRMATION—June 6th

Join our Confirmation class: Kellen House,
Aiden Fagan, Roland Frey, Malik Taylor,
Cameron Paul. Evan Lundeen

**This will be one of Parish Council's Special
Sundays!**

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

This Saturday is our **Drive in Movie Night**. How cool will it be for all of us to show up and just have great fellowship in the parking lot? I know the Parish Council is preparing a lot of treats and God willing we will have a nice evening for it. The War with Grandpa, is a fun movie for all the ages. I have to tell you i was skeptical about a DeNiro movie for the whole family but i was pleasantly surprised. I think you will have a great time. Parking lot opens at 7:45 : movie starts at 8:15

Vacation Bible School - registration is opened on our webpage. Our VBS this year is: Wilderness Escape- where God leads and provides, and will follow Moses and his people on they journey out of Egypt. VBS this year will be online, just like last year, starting the week of June 21st. More details will follow soon.

Sunday Worship - For the month of May, we continue to plan two worship services 9 am and 10:30 am every Sunday in order to accommodate as many people possible . With the number of people attending at this time, as we observed the last couple weeks, we held only one service at 9 am. While we continue to plan for two services, if the numbers for a second service are low, and we can include everyone for the first service we will notify you about the change (if you signed up for the second service). I hope this helps clarify and also makes it easier to plan for Sunday morning.

Have a great week and enjoy the great sunny weather.

Be Blessed, Pastor Bo

Starting May 3rd, our first Pres Blog is back online. We will follow the Book of Acts. The blogs and the Sunday Sermons will go hand in hand for the next two month, helping us to engage the Book of acts at a deeper level. The First Pres Blog has been part of our devotional life for the past 8 years, and continues to be an important place for us to connect outside our Sunday morning worship. I would like to encourage you to subscribe to the blog directly on the blog site. This way you will receive a daily email with the latest blog the was posted, and also give you the opportunity to interact with the post by posting a comment and engage in conversations with other bloggers. We are also adding a Video Blog once a week, on Facebook and Wordpress. The video Blog, will serve as a bridge to the Sunday sermons, and also provide a place to ask some of your questions regarding the things we explore during the week.

Hope you can join us in this devotional and discipleship journey.

Pastor Bo on behalf of Kris Hayden, Matt Blaser, Craig Randolph, Karl Darley and Carrie Kapral

Last Sundays Sermon Acts 1: 12-17; 21-26 TIME TO SERVE

When thinking about the book we need to consider the extraordinary challenge that the apostles were facing. As they gathered in the Upper Room they realized that everything that Jesus taught and did, his message and ministry is theirs now. The Upper Room becomes their refuge, their prayer room, but also an incubator, the place where leadership and vision is born. The church as a whole is more than a place to gather on Sunday morning, it is the way God calls people into ministry. In this place we discover God's vision for the world, our God given talents and ministry. In this place we grow in our faith and knowledge of God, but even more so we grow in the understanding of what is our place in this huge puzzle called the Kingdom of God. As the apostles gather in that room, they prayed, study the scriptures and served one another. First Pres. has seen a lot of transition over the years but one thing that stood above everything else is the ministry to one another and the community around us. From understanding who we are as a church, and what we are called to do there is a lot of strength that we can draw on. This is our time to discover that God is ready to do so much more, but the questions that we need to answer is:

Are we ready?

All of our virtual Worship Services are available on our YouTube page and website.

Vacation Bible School!

VBS is virtual again this year! Registration will be open soon, keep your eyes open! VBS week will be June 21—25. The theme is Wilderness Escape. We are very excited to bring this opportunity for the families and kids of First Pres. !

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The program will once again be Grab and Go, from June 1—Aug.17th from 11:45 to 1 pm.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested please contact Barb Rodgers at
barbrodgers1945@sbcglobal.net or
(708)744-2161

For teens needing volunteer hours this is a great opportunity!