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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, June 13th : Matthew 25:31-40; Jeremiah 29:11- How to Live a Spirit Filled Life

This Sunday Sermon is a little departure from the Book of Acts, we will focus on Matthew 25:31-40; Jeremiah 29:11- How to live a Spirit filled life. Christian life is about finding our little spot in God's Kingdom. That spot where our gifts and talents are best used to share love and hope in Jesus Christ. Getting to that spot is a process, a process that requires listening, willingness to change, and willingness to take on new challenges. It is very easy to use the word 'discipleship' as we try to define this process, but sometimes we will fall short in understanding what it takes. As we open the scriptures on Sunday we will ask the question: What is my place in this journey and am I ready to be that disciple that Jesus called me to be.

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

There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Reservations are required by contacting the office by noon on the Friday before.

Vacation Bible School!

VBS is virtual again this year! Registration is open ! Check our website for more info and to sign up!

**VBS WEEK IS COMING SOON! MAKE SURE
TO SIGN UP SOON!**

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing for Reed Mott and
Amy Gibson.

THIS WEEK'S BLOG: BOOK OF ACTS—6/10-6/16

6/10 Ch.16:25-42 Philippian Jailer Converted

6/11 Ch.17: 1-15 Greece Church Founded

6/14 Ch. 17:16-21 Paul in Athens

6/15 Ch. 17:22-34 Paul's Sermon

6/16 Ch.18:1-28 Corinth Church Founded

SAVE THE DATE-DRIVE IN MOVIE

June 11th! The lot opens at 8pm. A \$5 donation per car goes towards Pink Heals.

The film being shown is the new Pinocchio. The donation gets you a treat bag, with more treats and water available for purchase.

Sponsored by Parish Council.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Reminder: If you are experiencing emotional hardship (depression, grieving etc.) you can reach out to our Stephen Ministry to receive help from a trained team. Everything is confidential. These are hard times but you are not alone, please contact Pastor Craig to be put in touch with Stephen Ministry.

A big "Thank You" to those donating food to our Micro Food- Pantry and especially to the volunteers. We want our pantry to be clean, safe and appropriate for our clients so if you are donating fresh fruits and/or vegetables please put them in a Ziploc bag and seal it up. By sealing the produce in a Ziploc bags you help keep insects and dirt out and helps in containing rot.

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

I really want to share with you how good it was to be in worship last Sunday, as we received 8 confirmands into membership (6 from this year and 2 from last year) and we also celebrated two baptisms. It is days like this one that makes my heart happy, because in it we see the fulfillment of God's promise to the church: you will make disciples and they will be my witness to the world. This coming Sunday we are planning on two worship services 9 am and 10:30 am. This will be a big music Sunday for all, the Choir, the Glory Ringers, Ken Meyers Holly Tomasheck and the worship band all come together to lead us in worship and celebration of Pastor's Craig ministry at 1st Pres. It is not too late to make reservations for one of the services.

Here are a few more things happening this week:

Vacation Bible School registration is online, if you did not have a chance to check it out now is the time to do so.

Friday 8:00 pm **Parking Lot Movie night** - Pinocchio. It is more than a walk on memory lane, it is more than a drive in movie, it really is good fun for your family and trust me you cannot beat the hospitality of the folks from Parish Council.

Tailgate Dinner - Wednesday June 16th at 6 pm - bring your dinner and plan to chit chat and visit with some other folks.

Session is meeting tomorrow Thursday June 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON at church. We will look at all the things that are coming up regarding Reopening Illinois and how that will affect our ministry. Please pray for this great group of people.

Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday,

Blessings,

Pastor Bo

PS. Pastor Craig opened his library to anyone that wants to stop by and pick a book or two or maybe more. Stop by anytime during office hours to get your hands on something new to read.

Join our Team of Sunday Morning Greeters!

We are looking for smiling welcoming faces to greet guests and members arriving for Sunday morning worship. Duties are to open the door for people, greet them and checking names off the reservation list. To cover both entrances at each service, we need 4 greeters every Sunday. If you want to be a part of this important ministry, contact Bob Rudisill

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Last Sundays Sermon

DISRUPTIVE CHANGE - ACTS 16:16-34

Change happens. All. The. Time. We are especially aware of that now, following just over a year of pandemic rife with changing and conflicting recommendations, differences of opinions, and restrictions. Among all the turmoil, God remains - present for us and unchanged.

The Book of Acts is also full of change as the early church took root. Chapter 16 is all about shaking things up and changing not just rules, but lives. As Paul and Silas roam the streets sharing the gospel far and wide, they heal a young slave girl of an evil spirit. Her life becomes better. Those who benefited from her possession, not so much and this leads to Paul and Silas going to jail. It is miserable there for them. A big change in their environment and daily lives. God, they know, has not changed and so in the midst of their misery, they praise God and sing hymns. The story continued with an earthquake, a chance for escape not taken, a jailer's life (and those of his family!) committed to Christ. Because change happened and Paul and Silas stood strong on their foundation of faith in Jesus.

Paul's and Silas' lives changed, making them very uncomfortable, to say the least, yet God used the change for good in the lives of so many. Sometimes God leads us somewhere that is decidedly not comfy - but we are not alone. He is with us, opening doors and providing opportunities to share Jesus and bring praise Him.

We've been through a decidedly hard year. Things have changed, maybe drastically, in the church. We have a new opportunity. To use changed circumstances to share Jesus, to revive and refresh our faith, and to move forward confident that God has not changed and is with us still.

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

TAILGATE DINNERS ARE BACK!

Tailgate dinners will be every 1st and 3rd Wed. through September. Grab dinner and join us at 6pm in the parking lot across from the front of the church.

We are planning a choir of **fully vaccinated** choir members for each of the services on June 13 to honor Craig. I am limiting it to 12 people at each service (3 on a part). Some may sing both services and some only one to allow more of you to participate. We will rehearse on the 13th at 8:15 am with everyone. Please contact me kenmyers54@comcast.net to indicate your desire to be a part of this special choir.
Ken Myers - Choirmaster