



# e-News

August 4, 2021

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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. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

## Church Picnic!

August 29th

11:30am to 2pm -

with a short outdoor service at Noon

Lunch served 12:30pm

At the Bird Haven Greenhouse Park and Pavilion - 225 N Gougar Rd, Joliet, IL

**VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT TO HAPPEN, SIGN UP NOW!**

We also would like to gauge interest via sign up

To show interest or sign up as a volunteer please visit our website, or the sign up sheet in Hoffman Hall

Sue and I want to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, and cards. It certainly makes a difference in the recovery process. I also want to thank Don Caisley and the entire interim search committee for continuing on with this process while I was out of commission.

Reed and Sue Mott

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers for Judy Turner on her upcoming surgery.

Prayers for Pastor Bo as he prepares for his trip to Romania, and prayers for a safe journey.

## THIS WEEK'S BLOG, GENESIS—8/5-8/11

8/5 Ch.19:1-14— Lot's Backsliding

8/6 Ch. 19:15-38—Destruction of Sodom

8/9 Ch.20:1-18— Abraham's Lapse at Gerar

8/10 Ch.21:1-21— Birth of Isaac

8/11 Ch. 21:22-34 — Abraham at Beersheba

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### Stewardship Report

<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>	\$734,307
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	\$231,401
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	\$177,578

Income includes \$34,681 of Employee Retention Credit  
Per Capita: \$38.47

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

It is almost the time to admit that we have to say good bye to the summer, and look towards fall. As we think about the kids returning to school, or look at what the fall will look like for us in church I have to admit that I can feel a lot of anxiety from so many people around us. As I said on Sunday in church, this is a good time for us to be extra kind to each other and be our best version of Christ's love. The reality is that even the best laid plans do not make too much sense these days, as we see the Covid numbers on the rise. But, at least we have the experience of the last year in our hands. With that being said we will continue to worship on Sunday morning just as we are doing now, plan for fall and wait and see how things change.

This Sunday we were planning on the Summer Choir, but due to the new conditions around, we will delay that a little bit, still looking to have the choir in worship in September. We are also continuing to plan for a picnic on August 29th, but we need to know by this Sunday how many people can and will attend. If you plan on attending the picnic please go [here](#) to sign up online, or on the form outside of Hoffman Hall, that will help us with the planning. Also mark your calendars for Oct 10th for a blood drive, more details soon.

The title for this Sunday's Sermon is: Mystery Sermon. Now I know that caught your attention. In the sermon I will do my best to answer some of the question you were so kind to share with me on Sunday. I love all the questions I've gotten so far, and I'm looking forward to sharing them with you. I hope that you can be in church on Sunday and we can all learn together as we open the word.

See you on Sunday,  
Pastor Bo

PS. I will be in Romania starting Aug 9th to Sept 7th. During this time Pastor Carrie will be in charge. If I do not see you on Sunday: Until we meet again...

## SAVE THE DATE

### Back to Church Sunday!

First Pres will be welcoming everyone back on September 12th!

## Men's Bible Study

Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in room 210.

## 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 the office to be put in touch with Stephen Ministry.

The letter for Bev's retirement has been mailed ! As a reminder her last day as our organist is August 29th. We thank her for all she has contributed to our First Pres Community!

## TAILGATE DINNERS ARE BACK!

The next Tailgate Dinner is tonight, 8/4! Grab a good dinner and join us at 6pm in the lot!

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