



e-News

August 10th, 2022

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Pick of the Patch Vendor and Craft Fair

**Saturday October 22nd
9 am to 2pm**

Registration is open for vendors and crafters! Pre-approval of business/product is required before submitting registration. Contact Kris Hayden for pre-approval. Visit our website for more information and the required forms.

Vendor spaces are \$45 each, due at registration. Registration and contract forms are due by October 15th.

FOLLOW FPJ ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

If you don't already you should follow First Pres on social media! This is a great way to keep up with events and important info, but also to connect with others in our faith family!

On Facebook check out
[@FirstPresbyterianChurchOfJoliet](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfJoliet)

On Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube check out
[@FirstPresJoliet](https://www.instagram.com/FirstPresJoliet)

MICRO PANTRY

Our Micro Pantry is as important to the community as ever!

Please consider bringing some non-perishable food items with you on Sunday. The bin just inside the front door is there for more food to restock the pantry as well.

PRAISE YOGA - NEW TUESDAY TIME

Praise Yoga will now be **meeting at 6:30pm** on Tuesdays, instead of at 7 pm. Thursday sessions will continue at 8:30 am

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continued prayers of healing and good results for Davida Ringhofer.

Prayers of continued healing for John Savage.

PHILIPPIANS PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be August 19th at 9:30 am. No pressure, no obligation, just community and prayer. This is a great time to join us if you haven't already.

All are welcome!

CALL FOR BELL RINGERS

Our Glory Ringers are looking for a few new members to join their ministry. If you are interested or have any questions please reach out.

SUMMER CHOIR

If you're interested in this ministry just come in a little early at 9:30 Sunday morning.

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$202,089
Year to Date Expenses	\$216,889

Per Capita: \$40.00

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

Hello!

Back to Church Sunday is fast approaching! I hope September 18 is on your calendar - we will worship God together, share food, and spend some time together learning about the many ministries and service opportunities here at First Pres. Knowing this congregation as I do, I know there will be laughter and fun.

Speaking of laughter and fun, the worship council met recently to talk about our tables at the Back to Church Sunday event. We had so much fun planning what we will do! It was refreshing to detail all the many things that happen during, before, and after worship. There are so many ways for all of us to participate.

Worship council, and all the councils and boards, are really excited to share with you what we do and answer any questions you may have.

We are blessed to live in a time and a place that allows us to worship freely and joyfully. I encourage each of you to join us on September 18, and on every other Sunday. I love the way Psalm 100, the Message translation, puts it:

- 1 On your feet now - applaud God!
- 2 Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.
- 3 Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
- 4 Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him.
- 5 For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Carrie

Project Linus

August 22nd at 9 am

Come join this important ministry and help make blankets for those in need. Blankets not only mean warmth and cover but also comfort and a sense of security. What a simple way to make such a BIG DIFFERENCE!

A Note from Pastor Bo

This Sunday I am preaching on Act 15, the first council of the church that took place in Jerusalem. As you can imagine it was not an easy time for the church. There was a lot of growth, change, and challenges to the way the first Christians were seeing their faith. In those times Peter, Paul, and Barnabas were first hand witnesses to what God was doing. While they were excited about their message and their ministry, they had to share that with the rest of the church in Jerusalem. It is important to recognize that the church as a whole, has always lived with that tension of seeing God at work in a "boots on the ground" view or hearing about it.

From my perspective that tension still exists in our own lives. We become passionate about one thing or another, about a piece of doctrine or a view on the way to minister, and when that happens we might forget those that we are called to minister to. The church in Jerusalem learned that lesson fast, that while there are different ways to do things, there is one thing that will triumph over all: Grace. Through Grace, through His forgiveness, through Christ we can do all things. I want to encourage you to come to worship on Sunday with that being your prayer: We want to see God's grace for the people around us so we can serve those that God called us to serve.

Here are a few things happening this week at church:

- The **parking lot** across the street will be under construction on Thursday. Please plan accordingly .
- **Session is meeting** on Thursday, and as I asked you last week please pray for this group of dedicated people that are doing so much for our faith community.
- **Midweek is starting** to shape up. Every Wednesday from 5:30 -7:15 pm we will welcome all and i mean all ages, from kids to those that are still kids at heart to join for music, food, bible study, and later on choir. There will be something for anyone and everyone.
- **Summer Lunch** is almost over as the kids go back to school next week. We want to thank all the volunteers for their heart and dedication to the kids coming each day all summer long.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you have a kid getting ready for school, this Sunday for the children's time we will have a special prayer time for the kids and their backpacks. Hope you can make it.

Have a great week,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo