



e-News

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New Women's Ministry Page!

Visit our website, and find "Women's" under the "Ministries" tab. This new page is the best place to find info on our Oasis Women's Ministry, and see upcoming events they're hosting!

On Facebook you can find their new Oasis page at "Oasis: Women's Ministry at First Pres. Joliet"

Philippians Prayer Group

This prayer group will continue to meet every 3rd Friday at 9:30 am. **Everyone is invited, men and women.**

The next meeting will be Friday Sep. 16th at 9:30 am.

Bell Ringers!

Handbell practices will now be Thursdays at 7pm. We are also looking for 2 additional players, If you are interested in this ministry please reach out!

Kid's Music Class

We are very excited to be starting a children's music class each Wednesday at 5:30, right before dinner. This isn't just a choir, kid's will learn instruments, rhythm and more! Once a month the music students will be invited to share what they've learned in live worship Sunday morning!

Back to Church Sunday Celebration

Sept. 18th after worship.

Expect food, treats, games, and more! This will be a great opportunity for fellowship, as well as learning about our many ministries here at First Pres.

Midweek

starting back on Sept. 21st—then each Wednesday

Join us for a fellowship dinner before class.

THESE ARE BOTH PERFECT OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING A FRIEND ALONG AND INTRODUCE THEM TO FIRST PRES AND ALL THAT WE DO HERE!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Praise to God for Matt Blaser's dad, Jim, getting to continue his recovery at home.

Prayers of strength and healing for Lori Clemons, a friend of the church, as she experiences illness and challenges in her life.

Prayers of continued healing for Mary Caisley's brother Charles.

Prayers of healing for Nikki Reiser as she experiences severe complications after the birth of her son.

Prayers of health for Cindy Day after her recent surgery, as well as for Lynnette Hopwood for her upcoming surgery.

Give thanks to God for the continued health of Libby Hall who remains cancer free.

Many congratulations to Matt and Laura Pritz on the birth of their new baby boy, Otto Kenneth Pritz.

Many thanks for prayers, cards, pastoral visits, and especially tasty meals from Helping Hands during my recent illness. Our church has long been known for God's kindness and outreach. I am very grateful.

- Emmie Ostrem

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$240,472
Year to Date Expenses	\$265,725

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

Hi friends!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reads:

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Interesting words in light of all the stuff we have going around us in the world today. Rejoice. Pray. Give thanks.

The word prayer, or some form of it, is used over 500 times in Scripture. That’s a lot of times! I have to admit over the last several years I’ve fallen into a pattern of spending more time praying with and for people and less time in personal prayer. Praying with and for people is important, and it is something I will continue. Yet, in this particular season of my life, I find I am being drawn toward more time alone with God. Time of quiet reflection and prayer. As I lean more heavily into this aspect of my prayer life, I have found that it does, indeed, become a reflex to give thanks and rejoice - not always FOR a circumstance, but, as Paul wrote, IN a circumstance.

Our prayer group meets this Friday at 9:30 am in room 217. Please think about joining us or, if you cannot, send me any prayer requests you may have. The more we pray, the more likely we are to pray in all circumstances as a first resort, and with the certainty that God is with us and hears us.

Peace,
Pastor Carrie

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.

A Note from Pastor Bo

The other day I was watching a video on Facebook about canning vegetables for winter. Now I realize, that most of the audience of this email might say “Ohhh yeah we used to do that a lot as a kid” while some might ask “what is canning?” Let me try to share with you my experience with that. As a kid we had to prepare for winter, because fresh vegetables were not easy to come by in the middle of winter months. We had to stock up on potatoes, cabbage and all the rest of things, because that is what we did: we prepared for the months ahead. Now you might ask yourself, “Bo, what are you talking about and what does that have to do with Jesus, and church life and me?” It has to do with preparation. 1 Peter 1:13

“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.”

As people of faith we are called to always be prepared. Prepared to share the Gospel at all times. Prepared to offer prayer! Prepared to serve! Prepared for the Lord’s coming! and so on. This week I want to encourage you to prepare your heart and mind, to condition yourself to good, to grace, to love. I want to encourage you, as I said on Sunday to do one thing: Love!

Latest News from 805 Western:

1. Join us on Sunday for **Back to Church Sunday**. We will worship first, say our prayers, sing our songs, give of ourselves to God, and listen from God before we will enjoy a time of food and fellowship following the service. This will be a great time to come and welcome Pastor Roy as he is starting his ministry here at First Pres., as Transitional Pastor. Come and say Hello.
2. On Wednesday we are starting out **Midweek** fellowship with music for the kids, food, and Bible class for all. from 5:30-7:15 in the evening we hope to see and welcome you, and work on learning from each other as we fellowship as one.
3. Do not forget this Friday 9:30 am **Prayer Group** meets in Room 217. Pastor Carrie will help lead this sacred time for us. I know I am looking forward to it. See you then.

Looking forward to Sunday,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo M .