



e-News

October 12th, 2022

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Midweek

each Wednesday Night!

5:30—Kid’s Music Class and Adult Fellowship

6:00—Fellowship Dinner

6:30—Bible Study Classes (Kids and Adults)

See you tonight!

Pick of the Patch Vendor and Craft Fair

Saturday October 22nd

9 am to 2pm

30+ crafters and vendors expected - special prize drawing opportunities! Food and snacks onsite—cash only.

Entry donation is \$2 (kids 12 and under are free)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT! CONTACT KRIS HAYDEN FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP

The Craft & Vendor Fair Concession Donations

If anyone would like to donate items for the Cafe that day proceeds will support our Micro Food Pantry. Please have any donation items to the church no later than Friday the 21st at noon

A list of requested items is on our website.

BIBLE SUNDAY

October 30th

Children and youths aged 4, in 3rd grade, or 6th grade will receive Bibles from First Pres. If you have a child/children in these age groups reach out to the church office and we can make sure we have a Bible for them.

TRUNK N TREAT!

October 26th from 6 –7:30 pm

Visit our website to reserve a spot for your car!

Reserve your spot ASAP!

Get your Halloween costumes on, grab a bag for candy, and come trick or treat through our parking lot full of costumed cars! In addition to the candy and costumes families can expect yummy food and even a petting zoo!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Prayers of healing for Mary Caisley’s brother Charles.

Prayers of healing for Rich Pool after a recent accident.

Prayers for Keith Farr who is in the hospital as he recovers from a second recent heart attack.

Prayers of healing for John Savage

Prayers of health for Sue Lee’s Mother-in-Law

Prayers of recovery for Mark Schneidewind after his recent surgery.

Prayers for those in Florida, for their safety and recovery, and for the safety of the emergency response crews

Happy Birthday to Margaret Lucas as she celebrates her 106th birthday on the 14th!

Sunday School Class

9:15-9:45 each Sunday morning

Join Pastor Roy for a class where you will take a deeper look at the scripture selected for each Sunday’s worship.

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$268,889
Year to Date Expenses	\$330,156

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER Roy Backus, Transitional Pastor

Sunday was delightful! A special thank you to all the folks who showed up for the Pastor's Sunday School Class. We got to know each other a little, and I thank each of you for participating in the conversation around the table. This coming Sunday, October 16, we will explore the lectionary texts. They are Psalm 119:97-104, Jeremiah 31:27-34, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8. Each of these texts are full of significant truth for the people of God. They cover God's Law, the New Covenant written upon our hearts, the inspiration of Scripture, and the necessity of continual prayer. We will have a great time.

The music on Sunday was inspiring and excellent. Bev's mastery on the organ opened with "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." What energy and intensity! Later Kristina's voice and Michael's guitar invited us into a musically, quiet, prayerful reflection. The delicacy of their rendition of "Once and For All", quieted our hearts as we meditated on Pastor Bo's sermon. During the offertory Ken led the Chancel Choir in "Sing to the Lord a New Song." Although many in the choir are still recovering, those present sang with balance and intensity to lift our hearts. The excellent and differing musical styles are true gifts to us. They reach our hearts of worship. And Thank You congregation for participating in the congregational singing! It makes a tremendous difference in the spirit of worship.

Next Sunday's sermon I will concentrate on Luke 18:1-8. The Lord's parable speaks of continual prayer, and the Lord includes clear emphasis upon being heard and being just. What a challenging and mighty combination! Jesus sees all these parts as necessary in the Gospel of grace in Jesus Christ. I believe this parable speaks to our contemporary society, our church's challenges, and a world in need.

The Lord bless you,
Pastor Roy

Hurricane Relief Collection

Session has approved a special collection of funds for emergency aid in areas affected by Hurricane Ian. Funds will be collected for the next few weeks and all money collected will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. *Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Joliet, and marked for Hurricane Relief either on the check or with an attached note*

A Note from Pastor Bo

Session week is normally a very busy week for us here at church. In part because most of the council meetings happen in the week prior, and that means lots of evening meetings and running from one thing to another. For me it is an exciting week, because we get to look at the calendar, and ministry for the coming months. It has to be one of the greatest feelings as a minister, to sit around a table during a meeting and see the love and the passion of the people involved and leading ministry in this church. Ministry at first Pres. is so much more than Sunday morning, it is every day that someone fills in the food pantry by entrance door, or when we connect and help with the many ministries God has us partner with, or the kids on Wednesday and Sunday, the monthly breakfast, and weekly fellowship. Today I would like to encourage you once again to pray for your personal ministry as part of the larger church. I would like to invite you to come and serve, meet people, encourage them and be encouraged yourself. As the Lord said:

"The harvest is plenty, but the worker are few."

What is happening at 805 Western:

- If you were in church on Sunday, you might remember that Session has approved a collection of funds for Hurricane Ian relief through the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** fund. Over the next few weeks we will collect and then send our response to help those affected by this natural disaster.
- It is not too early to mark your calendar for **Bible Sunday on Oct 30th**. Every year we celebrate Reformation Sunday by giving out Bibles to the kids (4yrs, 3rd grade, and 6th grade) and those that need them.
- **Trunk N Treat is coming fast**. In just two weeks we will host our annual outreach event for the community around us. We will have hot dogs, chili, lots of candy, and a petting zoo. But in order to have a successful event we need to have 30+ decorated cars. Now we have about 15, so we need your help. Please call the office or register on our website and let us know how you can help, it could be a trunk or serving with food and organization. We need you.

Praying that you are having a great week, See you Sunday,

Blessings, Bo

Halloween Masquerade Bingo Night

OASIS: Women's Ministry Event
October 25th 6-8pm at Jameson's Pub

Costumes and/or masks are highly welcomed!
\$5 per person at the door
pizza, pop, dessert, a cash bar, and Halloween Bingo!
RSVP is appreciated, link is on our website