



e-News

October 19th, 2022

805 Western Ave., Joliet, IL 60435
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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

9am to 2pm

35+ vendors and crafters; special prize drawing opportunities; food and snacks onsite—cash only.

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED 9-2 TO GREET PEOPLE AT THE DOORS AND AT 2 PM TO HELP WITH CLEAN UP! CONTACT KRIS HAYDEN 815-258-8617 TO SIGN UP.

Vendor & Craft Fair Concession Donations

If anyone would like to donate items for the Cafe 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, and in 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 will 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 healing for Pastor Bo’s dad who is in the hospital

Prayers of healing for Rich Pool

Prayers of healing for Keith Farr

Prayers of healing for John Savage

Prayers of recovery for Mark Schneidewind after his recent surgery

Prayers of comfort for David and Becky Church and family upon the passing of David’s mom and Becky’s dad

Prayers of comfort to the Holyoak family upon the death of former longtime First Pres member Bob Holyoak on October 12

Prayers of comfort for Judy Turner on the recent loss of her brother-in-law, Ed

Project Linus

Monday October 24 at 9 am

Come join this important ministry and make a difference by making blankets for children in need of comfort.

Sunday School Class

9:15-9:45 each Sunday morning in the Fireside Room

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 \$301,487

Year to Date Expenses \$358,987

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER Roy Backus, Transitional Pastor

Last Thursday at the Session, I brought the devotion and based it on 2 Samuel 6:1–11. That passage records King David's fiasco while trying to move the Ark of the Covenant from Abinadab's house to Jerusalem. The story tells how Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, drove a new ox cart which carried the Ark. When the cart shook, Uzzah reached out to stabilize the Ark and was struck by God. Uzzah died. David and everyone went from joyous dancing and celebration to instant fear.

The story captivates us, because the Ark of the Lord is such a mysterious icon of our covenant faith, and there is a great deal of folk lore built around other non-biblical stories and aspects of the Ark. King David had to leave the Ark at Obed-edom's house until correct transportation arrangements could be made.

It was right to bring the Ark to Jerusalem, but it wasn't right to place the Ark upon a cart for transport. (See the correct method for transport in Exodus 25:10-22 and Deuteronomy 10:8)

Why would such a story end up in the Bible? I submit that often we can do the right thing, but when we do it the wrong way, someone gets hurt. It's true in every aspect of life, but especially when we are dealing with delicate souls. (It could be discussed, that every soul is a delicate soul in one way or another.) The same truth remains with us today, and later in 2 Samuel 6, we read of David's successful transfer of the Ark to Jerusalem following the directions which the Lord had given to Moses and the Israelites. It's a fascinating event.

May the Lord lead us into righteous actions, and may we be patient enough to follow the Lord's ways of doing them.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:15–9:45 am. Texts for October 23 are Joel 2:23-32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14; and Psalm 65:1-13. Hope to see you there!

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 received will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church, and marked for Hurricane Relief either on the check or with an attached note.

A Note from Pastor Bo

Dear friends, I hope today finds you well. The last couple weeks have been hard for many of the folks we love in our congregation, from not so good news from the doctor, to hospital stays, to losing a parent or just trying to make it to the next day. I want you to know that whenever I hear of someone going through a hard time, I pray for them, or try to reach out and encourage them. But there is more to pastoral care that can be done outside this office. It is the place where we as a community reach out and embrace each other and find ways to support and encourage. Sometimes the words of a close friend that sits with you on Sunday morning for church or coffee hour are much more powerful than anything I might say or do.

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" - is a great reminder to all of us to look out and care for one another. I pray that we all can do just that as we go about our day to day.

This Sunday I am preaching on **Luke 18:9-14**. Jesus tells the parable of two men praying and the attitudes of their hearts. As you read this parable in preparation of Sunday, I would like to encourage you to ask yourself the following question: Who am I in prayer and does God have any room in my prayers? Looking forward to worship with you on Sunday morning.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

What is happening at 805 Western:

- This Saturday - Vendor & Craft Fair. Come to do some early Christmas shopping and support our Women's Ministry and MicroPantry. Parish Council will welcome you on Saturday from 9-2.
- This coming Tuesday - Oasis Bingo Night - Ladies, grab your friends and had out to Jameson's for a great fellowship time.
- This coming Wednesday - TRUNK 'n' TREAT - it is this coming week and we need your help with trunks and serving food. Please let us know how you'd like to help.

These are just a few reasons to love fall at 1st Pres Joliet. Let us make this week a great ministry as we serve the Lord with joy and gladness.

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 includes pizza, pop, dessert, and Halloween Bingo! Cash bar is available.
RSVP is appreciated, the link is on our website.

Free Organ Lessons by Appointment with Sarah

Session approved for Sarah Randolph to move an Allen Organ (which has headsets) to Hoffman Hall and allow her to teach organ students and allow them to use the Allen organ to practice FREE. Advanced students under Sarah's supervision will be allowed to play our church pipe organ, too. This will help maintain the church organ.

Sarah had 6 large organs donated to her Lockport D91 school years ago - with the understanding she was to find a good home for them (if they still worked) and the school discontinued teaching organ. Sarah taught organ to her advanced students for years. Students who passed a certain level on the organ were allowed to play the million dollar Rialto Theatre's Grand Barton Theatre pipe organ. This was possible thanks to the Partners in Education: JATOE (Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts) organization Past President James Patak and current President Joel Martis and the Rialto Theatre. The Presidents would play a short concert for the students and families and then the students would play the Rialto organ. Another Rialto frequent performer for the students was Frank Pellico, organist for the Chicago Blackhawks. All of this was done FREE for the students.

Sarah retired from teaching music after 44 years and the new music teacher didn't know how to teach organ. Sarah had 8 days to find homes for the 6 organs. She wanted the Allen, but her home isn't large enough so she asked the church if they would allow her to move it to the church and teach organ FREE to people who wanted to learn.

The Herald News had two Rialto organ school articles waiting to be published and when they heard about the FREE organ lessons and our church's generosity in allowing the Allen organ to be stored and used FREE they wanted to do a story on it. The Herald will be printing a story in the future about this.

If you or someone you know would like to learn to play organ or even just try it, email or call Sarah (randolphd91@yahoo.com or house 815-725-6833) to set up an appointment. No prior music experience is needed. Learning organ helps build and strengthen your brain dendrites! Sarah will check schedules and contact you with a date - all for FREE. The only pay she wants is for people to enjoy organ.

Advanced students will be allowed to privately play for family and friends - the million dollar Rialto pipe organ!

If you like the Rialto organ, you may join the JATOE organization which provides about 10 organ concerts a year - one Sunday a month (at 2 pm) all performed by organ professionals from around the 4 state area. JATOE Membership is \$40 a year per family (you are welcome to bring guests with you FREE) or \$15 a year for families with K-12 school aged children. JATOE organization helps support/maintain the million dollar Rialto Grand Barton Pipe Organ.



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