



e-News

October 5th, 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!

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!

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.

This is a great opportunity for all adults, you won’t want to miss out! (You can still get coffee don’t worry)

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

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!

This is a free family event, all are invited!

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 thankfulness for healing and continued prayers for complete recovery for Nikki Wheeler Reiser.

Prayers of health and recovery for our Choir members.

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 for those who live in Florida, for their safety, for the safety of the emergency response crews, and that all who are effected have shelter, food, clean water, and health care available to them.

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

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$261,334
Year to Date Expenses	\$330,057

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

Grace and peace be with you.
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Thank you again for your gracious welcome. Each conversation with congregational folk is helpful in my introduction and inclusion in the life of First Presbyterian Church, Joliet. You are a gracious people with an impressive legacy of ministry and service.

The sermon texts which Pastor Bo and I are following through November 20 follows the Reformed Common Lectionary for Year C. If you want to read and prepare ahead, I invite you to the PCUSA.org website. In the left side of the third line down from the very top is a label, "Follow the Lectionary". When you click on it, it will take you to the Revised Common Lectionary Page. There are two lectionary lists, The Daily Readings and the Sunday/Festival Readings. The Daily Readings are a great way to build a daily Bible reading and meditation routine. For me, the Psalms are poetic, multifaceted, experiential, open approaches to daily Christian life. The Sunday/Festival Readings are the passages which lead me in worship. Over the years of developing the 3 year rotation of the Reformed Common Lectionary, the themes of the Psalm, the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel readings bring new, rich and creative themes and connections to the church community's life together and ministry. We all believe and know that the Spirit speaks through the inspired Word of God.

The Year C, our present year, emphasizes the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel differs from the other Gospels with its inclusion of those who would be left out of the traditional Jewish setting. Luke uses every possible opportunity to include women, the poor, the marginalized, the outcasts and even Gentiles. The universal message of Luke is then completed in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. (One of my professors in college called it, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit".)

Your pastors are connecting the Old Testament Prophetic readings in our approach to the Gospel readings. We pray this will bring some connection and understanding of the old covenant (testament as it relates to the new covenant (testament) in Jesus Christ.

If you are able, I encourage you do join our Sunday morning Bible conversations in the Fire Side Room at 9:15.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

This Sunday I am preaching on Luke 17:11-19 - The Story of the 10 lepers. In many ways this is a story about wholeness, about being made well not just in your body but also your spirit. It is that moment when the leper returns to Jesus, that he is made whole, that his life balance is achieved, and even more his life becomes a testimony to the world.

We all come to God with our prayers, our needs and sometimes we are just like the 9 who came and went. We sometimes approach our faith as a walk through the park, we sometimes fall in the habit of Sunday morning and then just walk away, and maybe we are just like the 9 that went on their way. I pray that as we journey together towards Sunday, God will help us see the invitation that is before us, and for us to be able to respond with a quick spirit.

What's happening at 805 Western:

- **Midweek tonight** - Kids music class, dinner, and Bible classes for all. It is not too late to change your mind and be at church tonight. We are studying the beatitudes. Hope to see you tonight.
- Next Week **Margaret Lucas is celebrating 106 years young**. I want to encourage you to send her a card or give her a call and celebrate her.
- Sunday Morning **Sunday School class** with Pastor Roy at 9:15 am. Stop by and say Hi.
- October 26th - Yes it is **Trunk and Treat** and we need you. From trunks decorating to helping with food we need you. Did I mention we need you? Please help us make this year Trunk and Treat a great event not just for us but for the kids in our community.

Looking forward to joining you in worship on Sunday,

Blessings,
Bo

Pick of the Patch Vendor and Craft Fair

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

30+ crafters and vendors expected for an elaborate and convenient shopping experience with 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