



e-News

May 31st, 2023

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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Starting June 9th

Mon-Fri 11:30-1pm

You can support this vital ministry by volunteering your time, spreading the word about this program. And donating board games, puzzles, & books.

OASIS: Women's Outing

The Shrine of Christ's Passion

June 10th - carpool leaves
at 9a.m. from FPJ

reg link on our website



June 26th-30th

VBS this year will be STELLAR! Grab your spacesuit and head over to our website to register a participant, or to register as a volunteer! If you have any questions please reach out to the church office.

Take some time to pray about how you will support this important ministry.

Join us Sunday June 11th for 10am worship as we celebrate this year's graduated in our First Pres Family!

Church Family

Prayers for health and recovery for Dave Jeffries who is in Silver Cross Hospital.

Prayers for continued healing for Sheila Lundeen who is recovering at Alden.

Sympathies and prayers are extended to Diane Uden upon the death of her mother.

Prayers of health and recovery for Jodi Steinberg in her recent surgery.

Prayers of recovery and health for Joyce Miner.

Prayers of health and recovery for Glenn Brosell in his recent surgery.

ANGEL HOUSE REMINDER:

We are currently doing a special collection for our sponsorships at Angel House in Tanzania. First Pres proudly sponsors three young women at Angel House, providing a home, education, food, training, health care, a community, and more for those in need.

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Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$87,869
Year to Date Expenses	\$96,921
Received for Angel House	\$3,205
Per Capita	\$42.00

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.

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The survey is complete. The PNC is awaiting the resulting data, expected in the next 6-8 weeks.

THE PASTORS CORNER, Roy Backus, Transitional Pastor

Ann woke up at 4:30 this morning. I got up for a while to help her get stuff together to drive to Roger's Park in Chicago. One of our youngin's is moving from one apartment to another today and tomorrow. Me, I went back to sleep until 6 am and then finished preparing for my vacation day at Jennifer's Gardens in Morris, where the Senior Health department of Grundy County held their first annual Senior Expo. They asked our jazz combo to keep music in the air for 4 hours.

It was a long 4 hours, but it was a great experience. It was amazing how much the 5 members of the county's senior care and coordination were able to plan, staff, pay, coordinate, and pull off such a large event, for the first time, with only 6 weeks lead time. There were all kinds of booths with help and information for the adults of Grundy County. They included Bingo, Yoga, a lunch, other refreshments, music and 45+ helping booths.

The band was thankful for the opportunity to play and see so many friends, and to try some new charts and sounds as we mature as a band. Summer Qwi came and sang with us, and she really enhanced the appeal to our audience.

For me it was a change in pace, a great time in seeing some of my old friends, learning new harmonies and songs, playing old favorites, and finishing in four hours worn-out, tired, but feeling good. We did make some good sounds—along with some “creative” ones too! It is joyful to team together and make something that is excellent and appreciated by others. Lord knows, I'm tired right now. I'm also thankful for friends, music and team work.

We can make new music at First Presbyterian too, and this occurs as each of us plays our part. No one is insignificant or overlooked.

The Lord bless you as we head into this summer together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

LIGHTWAYS HOSPICE INFORMATION SESSION

June 11th 11:15am

Mary Rossio will bring an approximately 30 min presentation about services hospice can offer, including serious illness care, end of life care, and grief counseling. There will be time for questions following presentation.

A Letter from Pastor Carrie Kapral

“Here I am, send me.”

Isaiah 6:8

This Sunday, as we celebrate the confirmation of Abigail Fagan, Sadie House and Maddox Lundeen, we will ponder this “send me” thing. What did it mean for Isaiah? What does it mean for us? Does God still send people?

Isaiah 6:1-8 is a wonderful text to work through on this very special Sunday. I hope to see each of you there not only this Sunday, but each Sunday this summer. After this weekend, we will head into ordinary time on the church calendar. I love ordinary time. It reminds me that God is always present, and always worthy of our worship and praise, no matter what time of the year it is or how busy we are.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Carrie

Our annual Guidebook & Directory will be sent for publishing in mid-June. Please be sure all of your information is up to date and let the office know of any changes (cancelled landlines, new phone number, adult children no longer living at home, etc.)

SUNDAY SERVANTS 6/4/23

USHERS: Mark Fumagalli, Mark Dykema, Ed Schultz, Scherrie Sanchez

COFFEE: Barb Rodgers

LITURGIST: Tiffany DeNieuwe

ACOLYTE: Joseph Adler

SOUND: Rich Pool

VIDEO: Todd Hayden