



e-News

June 21st, 2023

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OASIS UPDATE

Hi, ladies! I hope your summer is off to a wonderful beginning. Oasis has had a great year - thank you to those of you who were able to attend our events! I know many of you wanted to join us, but your schedules just didn't allow for it.

Oasis has decided to take a break for summer and return with beloved previous activities and some new ones in the fall. We need YOUR help to accomplish this! Please prayerfully consider joining the Oasis planning committee. We need some vision casters, some detail folk, and some "worker bees". I know you're out there! Please give the church office or Pastor Carrie a call if you are interested. May God bless all of you.

The Oasis Team

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

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.

Announcement from Pastor Roy on behalf of our Education Council:

We continue our search for a Director of Children and Youth Ministries. We ask that you help share the opportunity, help get the word out. This is a full-time position with benefits. Additional details are in the Indeed job listing available [HERE](#). The Lord has the right person for the job out there, we just need to find them.

Church Family

Prayers of recovery and health for Joyce Miner.

Prayers of continued recovery for Sheila Lundeen.

Prayers for Margaret Lucas.



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.

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

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Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$128,541
Year to Date Expenses	\$126,462
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.

A Letter from Lay Pastor Carrie Kapral

In preparation for this Sunday, I've re-watched the "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" scene from Fiddler on the Roof. I'm in the process of rewatching the entire three hour long movie - I had actually forgotten how entirely wonderful it is. A look back at Jewish tradition, pre-holocaust. Tradition. It is important. Bo touched on that last week, in his message. There are reasons we do what we do. Some traditions go so far back, we don't even know why we do what we do. That, I think, can become a problem.

Romans 12:2 reads, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing, and perfect will."

As valuable as tradition is (and I do believe it cannot be overstated how valuable tradition is), change is also important. The time for matchmakers, in much, if not most, of the world, is long over. Times have changed. Yet, as I watch the faith on display in Fiddler on the Roof, I can't help but be reminded that we must be very careful about the reason we alter or quit a tradition. All we do is to be to the glory of God - only He can transform our minds. As times change, as the culture changes, we, as a church body, must also change. Carefully. With renewed minds, transformed by the power of God.

Peace be with you. See you Sunday!

Pastor Carrie

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FPJ

Adult Sunday School with Pastor Roy—9am

Life Group with Pastor Bo—9am

Live Worship Service—10am

Pre-k/Elementary Sunday School—After Time with Children

Coffee Fellowship—before and after worship

VBS Decorations!

Saturday June 24th at 9am

All are invited to help put up our OUT OF THIS WORLD decorations for VBS! Help us transform First Pres into a spaceship to launch all our VBS participants into a faith-filled space voyage! All levels of help are appreciated.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK
Joliet Slammers Game
June 30th

Discounted \$5 tickets available Sunday morning or in the office during the week (call ahead if you plan to come at lunch)

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.

**LAST CHANCE
TO UPDATE**

SUNDAY SERVANTS 6/25/23

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Reed Mott

COFFEE: Sue Fordyce

LITURGIST: Sue Fordyce

ACOLYTE: Vivian Orr

SOUND: Rich Pool

VIDEO: Matt Blaser