



e-News

July 19th, 2023

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Church Community Contact

Session has a committee that will be reaching out and calling or contacting our church family of First Presbyterian Church between now and August to see how they are doing and if they have any needs the church can help with. They also will be verifying the addresses, phone numbers, and emails of all family members. Many people have deleted their house phones and some children are now grown and have new addresses. The 2023-24 church directory will NOT reflect these changes since it has already been sent to the printer. Changes will be in the next directory.

When you see a phone number or email you don't recognize, please answer or respond when you hear or see it is someone who will identify from First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you.

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.

REMINDER: MISSION COUNCIL

Mission Council meeting this Sunday after the Worship Service in the Fireside Room.

Church Family

Prayers of recovery and health for Joyce Miner.

Prayers for Margaret Lucas.

Prayers of healing for Joe Boyd.

Prayers of healing for Glenn Brosell.

Prayers for good test results for Estella Jurkovich.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 7/23/23

USHERS: Estella Jurkovich, Scherrie Sanchez, Mark Dykema

COFFEE: Sue Fordyce

LITURGIST: Craig Randolph

ACOLYTE: Abel DeNieuwe

SOUND: Rich Pool

VIDEO: Drew Penhale

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Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$159,775
Year to Date Expenses	\$167,661
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 PNC has received the results and are reviewing them.

A Letter from Associate Pastor Bo Mircea

First let me start by saying: I wish every single one of you were in church on Sunday! I cannot express my thanks to Evelyn Mbi, her family, and all the guest singers that came and brought joy and thankfulness to our service on Sunday. Between the colorful outfits, the drums, and the singing their contagious joy was felt by all. We also had a baptism for Bruno Haldorson-Diaz, more Fiddler (great job Michael), and our own voices alongside the Worship Band. I am praying that each Sunday will feel just like that, a sanctuary filled with joy and God's love in our hearts. I don't think you can find a better feeling than that. I share that with you today, as a prayer request for our church, a prayer for new life, for joy, for revitalization, for revival. Would you join me on that, for the next month or more? I am excited to see what the Lord can and will do.

Here are a few things happening at 805 Western you should know:

1. WHY30 - I know you have heard mention of WHY30 before in church, and maybe you wonder what is going on with the Young Adult/Families group? I am happy to let you know that Michael Krueger, the young man with good T-shirts about God on Sunday morning, is joining us in our effort to reach out and connect the younger crowd of our church. Life can be hard when you feel disconnected, the church should be the last place for that. So please seek Michael on Sundays and talk to him. We would love to get some fun outings on the calendar as well as some Bible Study time. Time to dream and believe - hmm, maybe that should be the motto for WHY30? What do you think?

2. Never a dull moment around here. We are **improving the sound system**, new microphones, and a couple other things. Our Soundboard/Mixer went down this past Sunday, and because of that we had some issues on both the livestream and In-House Worship. We are working on addressing that as you read this.

3. Have you seen the **new handrails** in the Sanctuary? A big thank you is extended to Dave Cavanaugh for this addition. They will be a great help for some of our choir folks. Which reminds me, you should start thinking about Summer Choir and Fall Choir. I am sure Ken Meyers is looking forward to see you.

4. For your Calendar:

Aug 20th - During Worship we will celebrate Pastor Craig as Pastor Emeritus.

Sept 10th - First Pres Back to Church and Picnic

Sept 20th - Midweek is back on

Looking forward to being back with you after my vacation, until then I will be praying for you and hope I will be in your prayers too,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo.

PS. Looking forward to seeing you all in Worship this Sunday

Coming Up

August 20th—Pastor Emeritus Craig Herr Celebration

September 10th—Back to Church Sunday

September 20th—Midweek Returns

Night Deacons' Serve Day details TBD

WHY30

Are you a young adult or a young family looking to interact with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? We are starting a new group called **WHY30** where we will gather together with food, a variety of activities, and fellowship. WHY30 is a low-key group with the purpose of fostering connections among young adults at FPJ, community is so important.

Sound interesting and want information?

Contact Michael Krueger at (708) 846-9056 or email at krgmichael442@aol.com .

We are also starting up a Facebook group "WHY30 @ FPJ" for those interested.

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.