



# e-News

August 16th, 2023  
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**Youth Group Kickoff**

**Sunday, Aug. 27th 6-8pm**

**6th-12th graders**

rsvp @ (815) 351-2975 by 8/23

For the full Youth Group schedule and more details visit our website at [www.firstpresjoliet.org/youth](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org/youth)

**Church Family**

Prayers of healing for Judy Garrison after her recent surgery.

Congratulations to Jill (Mueller) and Michael Strimel on the birth of Madison Jacqueline, born August 11<sup>th</sup>. Madison joins big brothers Jacob and Mason.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this important ministry! Your volunteer hours and donations make a real difference in the lives of these kids and their families.

Jesus Said,  
**YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME**

**BACK TO CHURCH PICNIC**  
**SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

- SET UP
- CLEAN UP
- SERVING FOOD
- GAMES

**SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE**

**SUNDAY SERVANTS 8/20/23**

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Lisa Haldorson-Diaz, Mark Fumagalli  
**COFFEE:** Sue Fordyce, Barb Rodgers  
**LITURGIST:** Laura Schultz  
**ACOLYTE:** Christian Haldorson-Diaz  
**SOUND:** Rich Pool  
**VIDEO:** Drew Penhale

**August 16th, 2023**  
**Stewardship Report**

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$200,594
Year to Date Expenses	\$212,156
Per Capita	\$42.00

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*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 is compiling the survey results into a report that will be shared with the congregation soon.

## A Letter from Transitional Pastor Roy Backus

This Sunday we will celebrate Pastor Craig Herr as First Presbyterian's Pastor Emeritus. We will sing some of his favorite hymns, get to know a little of his pastoral journey, worship the Lord, and celebrate a little more after worship. Do make a special effort to attend the service. His servant leadership over the years directly touched all our lives.

I'm thankful for the wonderful staff he built at First Presbyterian. Each person takes their ministry seriously and is dedicated to the success of our collective ministries. The staff covers the various areas of building care, meaningful music, online communications, print communications, Christian Education, worship, building use coordination, midweek gathering, child care, administration, council coordination, ministry to the community, and more. Developed and coordinated by Pastor Craig, your staff has made my ministry successful. They are trustworthy, imaginative, and energetic.

This week we will see how Mary exemplified discipleship on Resurrection Morning (John Chapter 20). Her love for Jesus compelled her to seek the Lord. The disciples who accompanied her didn't wait to see the Lord, but she was determined to find him.

See you Sunday as we celebrate the Savior, and celebrate Pastor Craig as a loving servant of our Lord.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Roy

## WHY30

WHY30 is a casual 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](mailto:krgmichael442@aol.com).

Join our Facebook group "WHY30 @ FPJ"

## PASTOR EMERITUS

On August 20, we will celebrate Pastor Craig as a Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Joliet. Pastor Emeritus is a honorary title given to retired pastors who are valued by the church and their community. What does a Pastor Emeritus do? This is a loose definition of the role of Pastor Emeritus.

A Pastor Emeritus is an honorary title given to a retired pastor. The title is granted by a Session and celebrated by the congregation to show honor to their retired pastor. The responsibility of leading the church belongs to the New Head of Staff Pastor and Session, but the Pastor Emeritus may be called upon at the discretion of the Head of Staff. The expectations of a Pastor Emeritus include:

- Praying for the church and its leadership.
- Assisting as invited by the Head of Staff.
- Participating in church activities and events as appropriate.
- Abstaining from interfering with the governance and administration of the church.
- Respecting the authority and decisions of the new Head of Staff Pastor and the Session.

## WHERE TO FIND OUR ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS

### FROM OUR WEBSITE

1 Go to our website  
[www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org)

2 Find the social media icons near the top of the homepage



4 Click here for our pre-recorded services



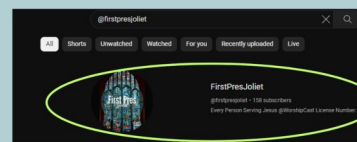
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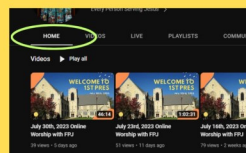


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2 The 'home' page has our pre-recorded services



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