



# e-News

August 2nd, 2023  
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## SUNDAY SERVANTS 8/6/23

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Mark Fumagalli, Jeff Lundeen

**COFFEE:** Sue Fordyce

**LITURGIST:** Hasen Qi

**ACOLYTE:** Caleb Adler

**SOUND:** Cliff Stepina

**VIDEO:** Drew Penhale

## 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.

## Communion Survey

The Worship Council has a survey about Communion in the bulletins this Sunday. They ask for everyone to complete this short survey and share your thoughts.

## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Mon-Fri 11:30-1pm  
 Through August 18th

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

## Church Family

Sympathies and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Margaret Lucas who passed on July 27 at age 106. Visitation will be at Carlson Funeral Home, Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. and funeral service will be at First Pres on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Thanks for safe travel prayers from Pastor Bo and his folks.



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### Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$183,520
Year to Date Expenses	\$192,652
Per Capita	\$42.00

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## 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.

## A Letter from Transitional Pastor Roy Backus

Sunday School is a great place for growing up. I think about all the teachers who helped me know that God loved me and taught me the basic stories of faith. It takes a dedicated soul to invest in the hearts of children and young people. There's a great deal of energy employed which is invested in the hours of preparation for a brief hour of sharing, instruction, and relationships on Sunday mornings.

Now, everything we learned in children's Sunday School was not always accurate, and often we did not understand the lessons as they were presented. One area that is a major misconception in our present Christian teachings, is that the religious leaders of Jesus' day and time were not sincere or faithful in their religious practices. We read the stories of Jesus' confrontation with the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and priests, and we choose sides quickly. We forget that Jesus was relating with very dedicated, sincere and faithful religious leaders. Jesus knew many of them well, and he could point out their personal, unseen flaws. Jesus was trained by many of these religious leaders. Jesus knew, and we do too, that a person can be sincere and very wrong at the same time.

What I'm trying to say is that Jesus' heated and pointed conversations with religious folk are the same discussions which apply to our religious practice. Each of us needs continued guidance and direction in our lives. (That's another reason for adult Christian Education!)

This week we'll take a new look at Mark 2:1-12. I encourage you to read the passage ahead of time. Pay special attention to the attitudes and the thoughtful conversations concerning faith.

The Lord bless you, and grace and peace be with you,  
Pastor Roy

# 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](mailto:krgmichael442@aol.com).

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

## WHERE TO FIND OUR ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS

### FROM OUR WEBSITE

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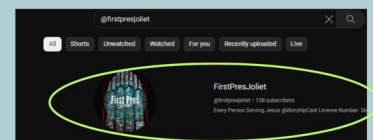
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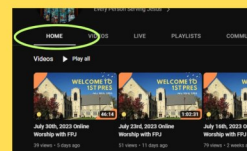


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