



e-News

August 2nd, 2023
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SUNDAY SERVANTS 8/13/23

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Barb Rodgers
COFFEE: Sue Fordyce
LITURGIST: Don Caisley
ACOLYTE: Layla Poulos
SOUND: Keith LeVasseur
VIDEO: Matt Blaser

Church Family

Prayers of healing for Judy Garrison after her recent surgery.

Prayers for Holly Tomashek on her upcoming surgery.

Church Calling Committee Results as of August 8, 2023

Thank you to everyone who answered our calls, emails, or texts. As of August 8, 2023 207 Family Household Contacts were made or attempted. If you haven't answered our call or email yet, please call the church office, let us know prayer requests, how the church may help you or your family and update your family contact information. Please update the information for your children, especially if they have married and moved. These numbers will change as people return our calls.

Calling Committee: Sarah Randolph; Dave & Helen Steinberg; Bev Adelman; Sue Fordyce; Barb Rodgers; Joan Schultz

Ways Families & People Were Contacted:

Live Calls = 92
Voice Mail = 70
Email = 9
Texts = 1
Unreachable = 33
Died = 2
TOTAL = 207 Church Member Households Contacted

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program is wrapping up next week.

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.

August 9th, 2023 Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$195,461
Year to Date Expenses	\$193,744
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 is compiling the survey results into a report that will be shared with the congregation soon.

A Letter from Transitional Pastor Roy Backus

A few years ago I had one minute devotional spots on the Morris Radio. We ran them for 12 years. (I can still remember people coming up to me in public and saying, "You're Pastor Roy! I recognized your voice. You don't look anything like I imagined." I figure some of us have a perfect face for radio!)

It's been a while since I've written any new one minute messages, but here is one of my past messages:

Got sixty seconds. Here's just minute. I'm Pastor Roy Backus.

A while back I read a great statement by a young high school Christian concerning his life. He confessed he wasn't the best preacher in the world, but he was going to stick by his principles no matter what.

I asked him, "What was the primary positive attribute of King David?" He replied, "I don't know. Tell me." I replied, "What was the primary positive attribute of King David?" He wrote, "I give up. Tell me." We repeated this conversation for quite awhile.

Christian faith does have certain beliefs which are firm, but too often we prefer right answers over having the right spirit. We overlook simply being God's person.

King David was anything but a perfect person, but he remained a man after God's own heart. In other words, he wished to live with an attitude of love for God and others.

I know the young man will figure it out. How about you?

Thanks for taking just a minute. I'm Pastor Roy Backus.

In worship we will listen to our Lord as he heals on the Sabbath. It is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. To get a preview, read Mark 2:23-3:6.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roy

Coming Up

August 20th—Pastor Emeritus Craig Herr Celebration

September 10th—Back to Church Sunday

September 20th—Midweek Returns

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.

WHERE TO FIND OUR ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEOS

FROM OUR WEBSITE

1 Go to our website
www.firstpresjoliet.org

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



4 Click here for our pre-recorded services



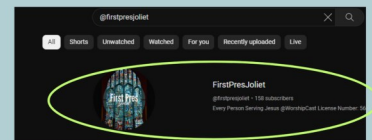
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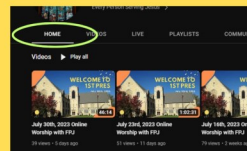


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