



# e-News

September 20th, 2023  
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## MIDWEEK:

Midweek Dinner and Classes starts again TONIGHT Sep. 20th We will have Kids Music, Kid's Bible Lessons, Dinner for everyone, Rec time for kids, and Bible Studies for adults.

- 5:00-5:30 - Kid's Music and Bible Classes (*split by age*)
- 5:35-6:05 - Kid's classes swap
- 6:15-6:45 - Fellowship Dinner for all
- 6:45-7:15 - Kid's gym/rec time
  - Adult Bible Studies
- 7:30 - Chancel Choir Practice

## Drive In Movie Night

Sun. Nov. 5th

Lot opens @ 4:30pm , movie starts @ 5pm

Come watch "Blue Miracle" (NR) an inspiring family movie based on a true story. There will be free popcorn and other snacks available for purchase.

\$5 donation at the 'door' gets you into the lot and a treat bag.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Children's Church Corner

September Faith Word: CREATIVITY

Lesson for 9/24: 'God Creates Helpers' Genesis 2:10-23

Bible Verse: "God saw how good it was." Genesis 1:12c

**Rock Snake:** We have a start on our Rock Snake! FPJ's Children's Ministry would like to invite you to add your own painted rocks to our rock snake. You can paint at home, or we have all the needed supplies here at church.

## Church Family

Prayers of health and recovery for Helen Steinberg's siblings Judi, with her recent surgery, and Jim after a recent cancer diagnosis.

Healing for Don and Mary Caisley's grandson Aaron.

Continued prayers for Keith Farr as he deals with health concerns.

Praise to the Lord for continued good medical results for Libby Hall.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS 9/24/23

**USHERS:** Mark Fumagalli, Mark Dykema

**COFFEE:**

**LITURGIST:** Hasen Qi

**ACOLYTE:** Cristian Haldorson-Diaz

**SOUND:** Cliff Stepina

**VIDEO:** Drew Penhale

## NOTICE:

*The church office will be closed this Friday 9/22. The city will be temporarily shutting off the water as they do some work on the water pipes.*

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## Stewardship Report

2023-2024 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$250,875
Year to Date Expenses	\$259,607
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 Mission Study Report is nearing completion. More details to come soon.

**A Letter from Transitional Pastor Roy Backus**

Grace and peace be with you!  
Grace and peace!

This is a renewed new start for our Wednesday Evening Midweek ministries. Make sure you check the rest of this E-News for the children's and adult's ministries and opportunities on Wednesdays, Do not forget the Adult Choir at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

This Sunday we will consider the Temptation and Fall in Genesis 3. It is the story of how sin, separation, and death entered into this world. The serpent tempts Eve and Adam. We all experience temptation. We all sin. We all participate in separation and death.

There are many New Testament passages to consider about the topics in Genesis 3. I always recall James 1:12-15. (My youth group in high school used the King James Version and would often talk about the LSD in the book of James. Lust, Sin, Death.) When we read, we see those same steps in the first sin in Eden.

Too often we simply give in to temptation before we even think about the results, or we ignore the clear results when we go ahead and do something which we know is wrong. Paul goes into great detail about sinning in Romans, chapters 6 and 7. He speaks of his tendency to sin, and is thankful for forgiving grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please plan to fellowship and worship together this coming Sunday.

Grace and peace be with you,  
Pastor Roy

**TRUNK N TREAT**

**Oct. 25th 6 –7:30pm**

**Save the Date!**

**Registration is open on our website, reserve your spot today!**

**Bo Mircea, Associate Pastor**

As I was reading and praying for this week's Midweek Bible study I came across this verse from Romans chapter 1:8

*'First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.'*

Read that again: your faith is being reported all over the world! Can you imagine, if you got that letter! What an endorsement, what an exhortation, what an encouragement! Oh, how would I love to get that letter myself. I am sure you would too. So where does it start? How do we do it? How do we get there? Well, it might be as easy as starting to move towards that goal, towards being faithful each and every day, by supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ, serving along side them, while we pray and grow in the word as one. Oh what a faith will that be... May we all hear those words one day, and may that day be soon.

**What's happening at 805 Western:**

- This past Sunday we had a wonderful celebration for Pastor Carrie as we celebrated her ministry among us for so many years. I would like to take time and thank all of you that made this last Sunday a special send off and indeed a time to remember and celebrate her ministry.
- Midweek is ON. Spaghetti meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and not to mention the fellowship. Kid's classes start at 5 pm until dinner at 6:15, to bible study at 6:45, and choir at 7:30. There is something for you to do. Please join us, bring your whole family.
- October will soon be upon us and it will be another ministry filled month here at First Pres. On October 1st we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and we will have a special time in the service for the children participating in communion. We would love to see all the kids and youth of the congregation be part of this special worship time. Also later in the month on October 25th our Trunk N Treat will become our great ministry opportunity for the month. More details will follow soon.

Hope to see you around this week,

Blessings,  
Pastor Bo

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- **10/25** Trunk N Treat—registration is open on our website
- **11/5** Drive In Movie