



e-News

October 9th, 2024

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DINNER OUT GROUP

October 17th at 6pm
Vai's 916 S. IL Rt 59 in Naperville

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

MIDWEEK

Wednesdays

Will not meet: 10/23 and 11/ 27

5-6pm SOAR HIGH—register online today!

Kids age 3 –8th grade have a Bible lesson and related art lessons, games, and other activities

Kids 5yrs—8th grade also have singing & instrument lessons

6pm—Fellowship dinner for all

6:45pm—Adult Bible Study and kids rec time

PROJECT LINUS

October 28th at 9am

Come lend a hand making no-sew blankets for kids in need in our local community. The only requirement is the ability to tie a knot.

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Stewardship Report

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| 2024-2025 Budget | \$747,600 |
| Year to Date Income | \$283,064 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$279,452 |
| Per Capita | \$43.00 |

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.

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Sheila Lundeen, Al Brooks, Mark Fumagalli, Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, Jody Farr, Jeannette Miller, Mary Jane Johnson, Paul Pocius, and Alex Kuczek.

Pray for baby Anna Jean as she awaits her heart surgery.

Jean Smietanski would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful prayers and cards. They are so helpful during her recovery.

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS

Our childcare team is looking for someone who could help out in the **nursery on Sunday November 16th** during 10am worship, and someone to lend a hand with the **Pre-K class on Wednesday November 20th**, 5-6pm.

We are also looking for some folks who are willing to help in the nursery if needed on a Sunday with an abundance of kids. If you are interested please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 10/13/24

PREACHING: Craig Herr

USHERS: Scherrie Sanchez, Barb Rodgers

COFFEE: Pat Haldorson

LITURGIST: Dave Zang

ACOLYTE: Abel DeNieuwe

SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

VIDEO: Matt Blaser

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: Promise Builder-God keeps God's promises.

Lesson for Sun. 10/13: God's Promise to Abraham—*Genesis 12:1-9*

Bible Verse: "The Lord carried out just what he had promised."
Genesis 21:1

The PNC Process

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| Planning | Mission Study | Data Evaluation | Resume Evaluations | Interviews | Pastor Visits | Pastor Selection | Pastor Acceptance |
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The PNC is has completed interviews with the top candidates and is moving forward with the next steps. Your prayers are appreciated as we continue to diligently work for the future ministry of First Pres.

A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea

This Sunday, Pastor Craig is speaking from one of my favorite little stories about Jesus, a story that makes me pause time and time again and ask myself the question: What is the priority today? Aren't you curious what that story is? It is found in Mark 1: 29-39, and captures, in many ways, the essence of ministry. You cannot have a public ministry without having a private spiritual life. Jesus owned that principal. Private prayer, public ministry. You see it time and time again in his life, and the more you look into it you can see the power that comes from that private time with God and away from everyone else. "Me time" is our modern response to focusing on finding some alone time. So here is a simple encouragement: In your "me time" make room for a prayer, a moment of meditation, of walking in the garden with the Father. Maybe there is something in that example that will bless your heart.

Looking forward to Sunday Worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

Happening at 805 Western:

- **Trunk N Treat**, Trunk N Treat, Trunk N Treat - that is the buzz phrase this month. Please check the sign up sheets on Sunday or Online and see how you can help out. Trunk N Treat is on October 23rd, from 6-7:30pm.
- If you ever wonder what 9 am on Sunday looks like, this is the time to come and see what is all about. **Life Group**, Pastor's study, Sunday School is in session. All are welcome.
- **New members class** later this month, on October 27th after the 10am worship service.
- Session will talk about **Hurricane Helene relief** and our response in the light of all the devastation in the South.
- **Youth Group** advisors are meeting to talk about plans for the Youth ministry, so please pray for the youth of our church.

WE NEED TRUNKS!

Trunk N Treat is coming up and we need trunks! This is possibly the most fun way to support a ministry here at First Pres. It is an absolute blast getting to hand out candy and see hundreds of families having fun because of our church.

Grab some friends or family and sign up for a trunk spot today!

SAVE THE DATE- COMING UP

- 10/17** Dinner Out Group
- 10/23** Trunk N Treat
- 10/27** Bible Sunday
- 10/27** New Members Class after worship
- 10/28** Project LINUS
- 11/3** Matsiko World Orphan Choir
- 11/9** Serve Day at MorningStar Mission
- 11/30** Advent Decorating
- 12/6** Advent Concert with Harvest Arts

SOAR HIGH

MUSIC **ART** **BIBLE**

FREE
Register Today

3yrs-8th grade
Wednesdays 5-6pm
Now-April 30th

TRUNK N TREAT

October 23rd 6pm-7:30pm
(earlier for volunteers)

Reserve your spot for Trunk N Treat 2024. You can sign up through the form on our website.

Trunk N Treat is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating, all in one parking lot. There will be candy, costumes, games, food, a petting zoo, and more! There will be no scary tricks, ensuring fun for all ages. This event is free so make sure to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.