



e-News

July 30th, 2025

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A Letter from Lead Pastor Bo Mircea

Even on a rainy day my hometown is filled with smiles. Just being with my folks, even for the last two days, it is refreshing.

That's all for today, I am running late for some good coffee, desert, and a refreshing drink. Wishing you a good, smiles filled week.

Blessings,

Pastor Bo



Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Mary Jane Johnson, Mark Fumagalli, Al Brooks, Carolyn Schaeffer, Mary Lynn Keir, and Pam LeVasseur.

Sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of Fred Krueger III (Michael Krueger's father) after his passing. A service will be held at FPJ on Sep.13th time TBD.

Many congratulations to Matt and Laura Pritz and their family for the birth of Ryan Pritz.

CONCERTS AND COOKIES

8/9 @6pm

The band **REVD OG** will be performing at First Pres, outside if the weather permits, so **bring your camp chair**.

Admission is free so grab your family and friends and enjoy an evening of live music and tasty cookies! Rocky Roast will be present selling gourmet coffee and tea to concert goers.

Nursery care will be available for kids 2yrs and under.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Northern Illinois Food Bank focuses on delivering food and healthy eating services to the Northern Illinois community. As part of the national Feeding America network, they serve our neighbors in 13 counties by providing 250,000 meals per day.

Thank you to everyone who came together for the July Serve Day at Northern Illinois Food Bank. Volunteers like you are critical in the fight to solve hunger. Here is the impact you made for neighbors throughout Northern Illinois.

Together they packed 5,998 pounds of food and provided 4,998 meals for those in need.

THANK YOU!

PRAYER GROUP

A Prayer Group is forming for all who are interested. An informational meeting will be held 7/31 at 10 am in Fireside Room here at FPJ

SOAR HIGH PROGRAM

Wednesdays Sept.17th– April 29th
3yr olds-8th grade

MUSIC DINNER BIBLE

5:30-6:10pm 6:15-6:45pm 6:50-7:25pm

Students will be grouped by age, ability, and skill level. Music will include singing and playing instruments. Bible lessons will be age-appropriate with lesson based games and crafts.

CHOIR

We will again form our Summer Choir to sing in the Sunday services in August. The choir meets in the choir room upstairs at 9:30 am prior to each service. We prepare a simple anthem to sing in the morning service. We select pieces we know, pieces that others should be able to quickly pick up. If you have some choral experience and would like to sing with us, you are welcome to join and be a part of this summer tradition.

Chancel Choir will resume on the Wednesday night following Labor Day at 7:30 pm. and continue weekly to prepare and perform anthems each Sunday through our regular choir season (Sept. - May).

Ken Myers - Choirmaster

SAVE THE DATE– COMING UP

7/31 Prayer Group Informational Meeting
8/9 Concert and Cookies—REVD OG
8/14 Dinner Out Group –Juliet's Tavern
9/3 Chancel Choir resumes
9/7 Back to Church Sunday
9/17 Soar High/ Midweek programs resume
9/21 Church Picnic
9/22 Project LINUS resumes

PROJECT LINUS

Project LINUS will begin again starting the 4th Monday of September, 9/22, from 9am-11amThe only skill required is that you can tie knots in fleece fabric to create a soft, warm comfort blanket for children in crisis. If you can use scissors to cut the fabric, that will be a bonus. And there is plenty of time to chat with the other 'knotters' while making the blankets.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

We are collecting for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, in response to the tragic flooding in Texas. There will be specially marked envelopes in the monthly mailing this month, and in the Sunday bulletins. You can also give online through our website, make sure to select 'Presbyterian Disaster Assistance' in the drop down options.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday August 2nd

Our Night Deacons host a free pancake breakfast each 1st Saturday of the month. All are invited to enjoy this breakfast and to help serve our community.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 8/3/25

PREACHING: Craig Herr

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Dale Mullen, Reed Mott, Mark Dykema

COFFEE: Jasmine Keir

LITURGIST: Dee Mullen

ACOLYTE: Isabella DaMassa

SOUND: Rich Pool

VIDEO: Todd Hayden

GREETERS: Lynn Kosowski, Nick & Scherrie Sanchez

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: Transformed: The Holy Spirit can change us and bear fruit in our lives.

Lesson for Sun. 8/3: Transformed by Peace—Psalm 23

Bible Verse: "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." *John 13:34*

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Stewardship Report

2025-2026 Budget	\$707,600
Year to Date Income	\$160,222
Year to Date Expenses	\$174,808
Per Capita	\$44.00

Received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Texas flooding \$1098

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Thank you for your generosity.