



# e-News

August 6th, 2025

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Pastor Bo volunteered his time this past week to assist Pastor Ovi in running their Vacation Bible School in Romania.



## 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, Nicole Ceelios (Scherrie Sanchez's daughter), and Dawn Fitzgerald (daughter of Emmie Ostrem).

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.

## MENARDS REBATE COLLECTION

Drop your UNUSED Menards rebate receipts in the designated box in Hoffman Hall. Rebate coupons will be used strictly for Church improvement.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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

## CONCERTS AND COOKIES

8/9 @6pm

**THIS SATURDAY!**

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.*

## PRAYER GROUP

8/7 and 8/13 at 10am in Fireside Room  
(Time may change going forward)

Join together in prayer.

## 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.

*Nursery care will be available during Music and Bible*

## SAVE THE DATE– COMING UP

8/9 Concert and Cookies—REVDOG

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

## Children's Church Corner

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

**Lesson for Sun. 8/10:** Transformed by Patience—*Luke 2:21-38*

**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	\$167,111
Year to Date Expenses	\$176,706
Per Capita	\$44.00

Received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Texas flooding  
\$1361

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## 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

## DONATE YOUR KEYBOARD (INSTRUMENT)

If you have a keyboard (electric piano) you don't use, you can donate it to benefit the Soar High program and the young musicians who participate. If you have a donation please reach out to Sarah Randolph at [music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org).

## DO YOU HAVE OLD PHOTOS OF THE CHURCH?

Do you have photos of First Pres before the Sanctuary was reconfigured in the 1960's, especially the old chapel? We'd love to see them. We are also looking for photos of the old Journey to Bethlehem sets. If you have photos to share please contact Sarah Randolph at [music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org)

## NOTE ON STORAGE:

The Worship Council has been hard at work cataloguing the many resources we have around the building. **If you have borrowed anything from the church, please either return it or let the church office know that you are still using it.**

## T-SHIRT COLLECTION

**OASIS: Women's Ministry is collecting used t-shirts to be braided into jump ropes.** T-shirts of any size or condition are accepted so long as there is no 'bedazzling' or 'bling'. These shirts will be braided into jump ropes and donated to Samaritan's Purse. Through their ministry 'Operation Christmas Child' the jump ropes will be part of a gift given to children in need around the world.

**DROP OFF IN HOFFMAN HALL**

## SUNDAY SERVANTS 8/10/25

**PREACHING:** Craig Herr

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Jeff Lundeen, Dale Mullen

**COFFEE:** Sue Fordyce

**LITURGIST:** Lisa Haldorson-Diaz

**ACOLYTE:** Collin Helwich

**SOUND:** Keith LeVasseur

**VIDEO:** Matt Blaser

**GREETERS:** Jen Garlitz and Judy Garrison