



e-News

October 8th, 2025

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A letter from Lead Pastor, Bo Mircea

In this Sermon Series "People in the Bible that You Should Know", we come to understand a little more about the human condition of regular folks that are called to follow and serve God. For Titus, it was courage and clarity of vision/direction for the church. For Lydia it came to being her best in her simplicity. And if I am to mention the name Joshua to you, what would you say about him? What makes Joshua stand out? Is it courage? Is it faith? Is it attitude? I will let you ponder those things before Sunday. In the meanwhile I encourage you to read Joshua 1, and maybe ask yourself the following question: What would I need to hear from the Lord in order for me to get going on His path at this time?

I hope in your meditation and prayer that the Lord will speak to you just as clear as He did for Joshua.

See you on Sunday,

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

PS. On a personal note, thank you to all for your prayers for my dad. As of today he is back in the hospital, we hope it's just a minor infection that will be cleared quick. My mom and I do appreciate your prayers and messages of support. Thank you.

Happening at 805 Western:

- The **Nominating Committee** met this past Sunday, and is asking for your prayers. If you are feeling the nudge to serve as a deacon or elder at this time please contact the Nominating Committee(Dave Steinberg, Ed Schultz, Carol Kline, Gwen Pelech, and Tandy Penhale) and let them know of your interest.

- Pick up an invitation and pass it on. **Concerts and Cookies** - Bells and Flute Concert is less than 2 weeks away- October 18th at 4 pm. When you are at church, please pick up a flier and share it with your friends and neighbors. This will be a special concert for all of us.

- **Trunk N Treat - October 22nd**. We still need trunks and folks. At this time we are praying for a smooth and joy filled event. Registration is on our website. Don't wait to sign up!

- **Bible Sunday** invitations are out in the mail. Please check your mail and let us know if you will be here on Sunday, October 26th.

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Mary Jane Johnson, Mark Fumagalli, Nicole Ceelios (Scherrie Sanchez's daughter), Xian Qi (Hasen Qi's brother), Chuck Tomashek, Joyce Bossen and thank you for continued prayers for Pastor Bo's father Jan.

TRUNK N TREAT

October 22nd 6-7:30pm

Everyone is invited to the free festivities! Bring a bag for your treats, enjoy some hot food, games, and a petting zoo.

Registration is open now on our website!
For volunteering or hosting a trunk

MISSION OF THE MONTH

MORNINGSTAR MISSION

In Joliet

MorningStar Mission is a non-denominational organization dedicated to relieving the spiritual and physical hunger of the poor by providing food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, shelter for the homeless and the gospel of Jesus Christ for all. Through their many Christ-centered programs and services, they aim to help people in need by getting to the core issues of what has caused their homelessness. Whether the problem stems from alcohol, drugs, mental health or family matters, their services have been developed for those who have reached the decision to make a real change in their lives.

BIBLE SUNDAY

October 26th

Each Bible Sunday First Pres excitedly gifts a new, age-appropriate Bible to 4 year olds, 3rd graders, and 6th graders. If you have a youth who would like a new Bible please let the church office know.

SOAR HIGH PROGRAM

Wednesdays through April 29th

3yr olds-8th grade

MUSIC

DINNER

BIBLE

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

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

Nursery care will be available during Music and Bible times.

Contact the church office if you are interested in joining.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need greeters and extra helpers—contact Sarah Randolph at music.randolph@firstpresjoliet.org

DINNER OUT GROUP

October 9th at 6pm

Backroads Burger and Bar in Plainfield

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

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

CONCERTS AND COOKIES

October 18th at 4pm

The next concert is our very own Glory Ringer Handbell Choir, with the special addition of Michael Lockler on flute. Celebrate this music ministry and enjoy some tasty fellowship time.

FIRST PRES BRAIDWOOD SCRAPATHON

First Pres Braidwood's Presbyterian Women are hosting an all day scrapbooking event on Saturday October 18, 8am-8pm. The cost is \$50 and includes both lunch and dinner. You must register ahead of time.

The registration form and menu are available on our website.

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: SHELTER: God protects us

Lesson for Sun. 10/12: God is with David— *1 Samuel 17:1-51a*

Bible Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation" - *Exodus 15:2*

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Stewardship Report

2025-2026 Budget	\$707,600
Year to Date Income	\$286,513
Year to Date Expenses	\$272,305
Per Capita	\$44.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

FPJ DIRECTORY PHOTO DAY

NEW: NOV. 18TH 2-8:30PM

Another Photo Day has been added on Tuesday November 18th from 2pm-8:30pm. The Nov. 5th date is fully booked so make sure to reserve your Nov 18th spot if you haven't gotten your photo taken yet.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 10/12/25

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Sue Fordyce, Pat Haldorson

COFFEE: Jasmine Keir

LITURGIST: Pat Haldorson

ACOLYTE: Rylie Blaser

SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

VIDEO: Matt Blaser

GREETERS: Dave and Helen Steinberg, Judy Garrison