



e-News

September 4th, 2024
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PROGRAMMING UPDATE:

Unfortunately the Matsiko World Orphan Choir cannot celebrate with us Sep. 8th for Back to Church Sunday. They do intend to re-schedule, so we will share a new date for their visit when that information is available.

The special Handbells Concert for Sep. 21st has been cancelled. We will share new information if it gets rescheduled.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY—September 8th

Picnic after 10am worship here at FPJ
 Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Tasty food—Bingo—Bags—a Bounce House—Fun!

DINNER OUT GROUP

September 19th at 6pm

Agave Azul, 330 W. North St., Manhattan

Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

August 28th, 2024

Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$229,912
Year to Date Expenses	\$222,240
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, Judy Jordan, Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, and JoAnn McBride.

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

Are you interested in our Handbell Choir, the Glory Ringers? Would you like to try ringing a handbell? Reach out to Susan Pemble or the church office to learn more, or arrange a time to try out the bells, no commitment required.

PROJECT LINUS

September 23rd at 9am

Come lend a hand making no-sew blankets for kids in need in our local community. No experience needed, just scissors!

SUNDAY SERVANTS 9/8/24

USHERS: Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Reed Mott, Jasmine Keir

COFFEE: Back to Church Picnic, join us outside!

LITURGIST: Carla DeYoung

ACOLYTE: Lillian Pritz

SOUND: Rich Pool

VIDEO: Todd Hayden

Children's Church Corner

Faith Idea: Faith in God, what does it mean to you?

Lesson for Sun. 9/8: God Creates People—Genesis 1:26-2:4

Bible Verse: "We are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things." *Ephesians 2:10*

The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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The PNC has reviewed all the matches we received through the CLC system (more than 65 people) and invited the top candidates to apply. Once we receive additional information from these candidates, the interview process will begin. Your PNC continues to diligently and thoroughly search for the person best suited for First Pres.

A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea

This Sunday we are starting a Sermon series on the Parables of Jesus. These parables are an important part of Christ's teaching, as they capture the heart of God, of the Kingdom of God, in ways that speak to all of us without the restriction of time. In the parables, Christ speaks in ways that our hearts and minds don't just connect to the stories, but we become part of them. In the parable of the lost sheep we find ourselves longing for a savior, and finding the comfort of belonging. Or how about the parable of the Sower, and the way we are called to keep our hearts in the place where God's word can speak to us in a way that the fruits of the Spirit can grow. As I do from time to time, I would ask you to pray that God will use this time we spend in His word to build us up as people of faith and grow us as a congregation. For this week take time to read Luke 15, as a good start for our Journey with the Rabbi.

Happening at 805 Western

-As you know it is **Back to Church and Picnic Sunday!!!** After a time of worship at 10 am, like we normally do, we will enjoy good food and fellowship in the parking lot. The weather should be nice, and we have a few things prepared for all ages. So come ready to worship and have a good time with your church family.

-A week from today, **Midweek** is back! Of course we are super excited for the kids program Soar High from 5-6pm. And there is still time to share and sign up for it. Food and fellowship from 6 pm will bring us all together and then the adults will have a time with the Word, while the kids will have time to spend any midweek energy in the gym. Hope to see you there.

-**Pray Joliet** is having an event that you are all invited to. Here are the details: Come join our next large prayer gathering! Sunday, September 8th, from 6pm to 8pm. Mt. Zion Baptist Church is hosting again. The address is 402 Singleton Pl., Joliet, IL. Let's pray together for our community. Let's be THE church in unity. Let's lift up the name of Jesus who is ABOVE ALL.

I really do not want to forget to talk about the Night Deacons **Free Pancake Breakfast** this Saturday. This ministry is such a blessing for the people who come, and even more for us as a church, as it connects us with the people around the church in a deep and meaningful way. I hope you are enjoying these first days of Autumn, it is really gorgeous out there.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

MIDWEEK—Starts Sep. 11th

5-6pm SOAR HIGH—register online today!

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

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

6pm—Fellowship dinner for all

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



A promotional graphic for the 'SOAR HIGH' program. It features a large yellow hot air balloon with the words 'SOAR HIGH' written on it in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below the balloon are three white cloud-like shapes containing the words 'MUSIC', 'ART', and 'BIBLE'. To the right of the balloon, the word 'FREE' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below 'FREE' is the text 'Register Today' and a QR code. At the bottom right, the text reads '3yrs-8th grade Wednesdays 5-6pm Sep. 11th-April 30th'. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8th
10am worship - Picnic after



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BOUNCE HOUSE**