



e-News

February 5th, 2025

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A Letter from Lead Pastor Bo Mircea

I woke up today hoping my cold would be gone, and yet I find myself with a huge cup of hot tea, a pile of Kleenex, and thinking about all the things I have on my list and the people I should be with today. On top of that, the weather seems to think that it has a voice so we are waiting for a freezing evening. So, in short it has been a day, and it's only 9 am. Now I know, you might think: Boy, this doesn't sound anything like Bo's letters that are so filled with hope and excitement. And you are right in that. Today's letter is more along the lines of a reminder that goes like this: Some days you just need to pull back, regroup, refresh yourself, and get ready for the next thing. It is what we call "self care". It is not a new idea. If you look in the Gospel and learn from Jesus here are a few lessons on self care from the Lord:

- 1. Take naps when you can** - Jesus slept on a boat in the middle of a storm. Now that is what I call a nap.
- 2. Take time for yourself by yourself** - There are a few times where you see Jesus going by himself after he took time to minister to lots of people. It is important to have the quiet so you can serve in the noise.
- 3. Eat** - If I were to guess, Jesus was a presbyterian, cause there is a lot of food in his ministry, lots of meals with friends and strangers alike. That is good therapy.
- 4. Take time to visit with your people** - Jesus had people like Lazarus, and Mary and Martha, who he would visit and feel at home. You need to charge your batteries, and friends can speak truth in love, and give love and encouragement in the times you need it.

I hope you have a great day today, and share some joy wherever you are.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

What's new at 805 Western:

- Wednesday Night **ALL PROGRAMING IS CANCELED** - from kids activities to adult choir, we are taking extra precautions so everyone is safe and not out on the roads tonight.
- **Sunday Feb 9th** - Come and pick up your soups from 9-Noon. Thank you so much for the 100 plus soups ordered. Kris Hayden, Lisa Haldorson, and all the people involved in this ministry you guys are -SOUP-er (as in super people).

I think that's about it for this week. I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, and waiting with great excitement to hear Pastor Mark speak on prayer.

Stay warm, safe, and blessed,
Bo

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Klint DeGeus, Mary Jane Johnson, Aaron (grandson of Mary and Don Caisley), and Zac (great nephew of Mary and Don Caisley).

Prayers of a quick and smooth recovery for Marie Blunk following her surgery.

Prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Sheila Lundeen who passed this morning. Service information will be shared when it is available.

NOTICE

With an abundance of caution we are cancelling our Wednesday night programs for 2/5 in response to the dangerous weather forecast.

This includes:

- Soar High
- Midweek Dinner
- Bible Study
- Oasis: Women's Ministry
- Choir practice

If you have a soup form to turn in before Sunday please contact the office.

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: Praise Makers—We worship God together in different ways.

Lesson for Sun. 2/9: We Worship God with our Presence—*Luke 10:28-42*

Bible Verse: "Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." - *Matthew 7:7*

DUE TODAY 2/5

Email the church office with your order



Soup Orders: \$10 ea / 2 for \$16

- Creamy Zuppa Toscana
 Broccoli Cheddar
 Chunky Chicken Noodle

_____ Total Soup Orders

\$ _____ Amount Due / _____ Paid / Picked up _____

Cash or Check (to First Pres.) with order or at pick up

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Proceeds will benefit FPJ's Soar High Arts Ministry!

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Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$486,866
Year to Date Expenses	\$489,028
Per Capita	\$44.00

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.

SAVE THE DATE— COMING UP

2/5 ALL WED. PROGRAMS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

2/9 SOUP-er Bowl Sunday

2/13 Dinner Out Group

2/23 Soar High performance in worship

3/2 Pastor Bo's Installation service and dinner

3/15 Oasis Serve Day at Northern IL Food Bank

3/29 Craft and Vendor Fair

5/4 Oasis Night at the Theater and dinner

SPRING VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR

March 29th 9am-4pm

\$3 entry donation grants shoppers access to a unique shopping experience with 50 different vendors/creators, and a snack shack.

Check info on our website for vending sign up.

Lead Pastor Installation Service and Dinner

March 2nd at 3pm, dinner afterwards

Pastor Bo's Installation Service will be held on Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. here at First Pres. This is a formal worship service in the Presbyterian church. It's a celebration of God's call in a person's life and in the life of a church. Come to share in the joy and celebrate what God is doing at this time at First Pres. Following the service we will enjoy a delicious dinner in Hoffman Hall. If you plan to attend the dinner, please return the card you will receive in the mail, by February 16th to the church office (mail it back, put it in the offering plate, or send an email) so food can be planned accordingly.

DINNER OUT GROUP

February 13th at 6pm

Juliet's Tavern in Joliet 205 N Chicago Street
Contact Carol Kline to be included in the reservation.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 2/9/24

PREACHING: Mark Morrison

USHERS: Dale Mullen, Reed Mott, Mark Dykema, Mark Fumagalli

COFFEE: Sue Mott

LITURGIST: Laura Sutton

ACOLYTE: Xavier DeNieuwe

SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

VIDEO: Todd Hayden

GREETERS: Sherry & Dennis Jones, and Diane Milosevich