

The Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study was born when two women, Barb Hein and Susan Kirschbaum, began talking about the need for more Bible study-fellowship opportunities.

While her husband, the Rev. Henry Hein, was serving churches, Barb Hein was actively involved in a group called *U.P.W. (United Presbyterian Women)*. Besides the friendships she made, she greatly enjoyed the Bible studies written for women, more often than not, by women.

Susan Kirschbaum had similar experiences with women's groups in the United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. She, too, missed the learning and fellowship of a women's Bible study. As Barbara

and Susan talked with other women in the Spring of 2009 they discovered that many women at First Federated Church had the same longing.

Susan, Barbara and an ever-expanding circle of friends decided to launch a Women's Bible Study in the Fall of 2009. At their organizational meeting 18 women met to discuss and organize the parameters of the study. They decided to meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons, for fellowship, refreshments, and the study of Scripture. They examined a number of possible studies,



some provided by Pastor Krummel, some provided by Barb Hein and Susan Kirschbaum. As their introductory study, the group selected "The Parables of Jesus," which was completed in November.

Currently, *W.B.S.* is studying "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The author creates a "contemporary" story that parallels a story from the Bible about a woman of the Old or New

Testament. The group examines the Scripture as well as outside texts and references, some provided by Pastor Frosty. *W.B.S.* not only meets the need for fellowship but expands the participants' faith, knowledge, and relationship to God.

Recently the group moved to the second floor Fireplace Room. Through these initial months new friendships have been forged and study leaders Barb Hein and Susan Kirschbaum invite anyone who is interested to join them each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. The group will recess on May 25, 2010, for summer vacation and will reconvene mid-September, 2010.

For more information call the Church (685-5258), Barb Hein, or Susan Kirschbaum.

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For The Record

Birth Announcement:



Lillian Anne Hampton
 Daughter of
 Emily & Pete Hampton
 Born January 28, 2010

Wedding:



Melissa Triebel
 &
James Bello
 February 27, 2010.

The Church Triumphant:



Our condolences to the family of **Carroll Green**, who completed this part of Life on March 8. Carroll was the organist at FFC for 23 years, 1958-1981.



Our condolences to **Con Iber and family** as they mourn Con's wife, Jane, who completed this part of Life on January 24.



Our condolences to the family of **Vicki McCord**, who completed this part of Life on March 3.



Our condolences to **Phyllis & Ralph Yerby and family** as they mourn their great-grandson, Judah Kirkham, who completed this part of Life on February 28.

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. Psalm 116:15

News Around The Church

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday, March 28: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Maundy Thursday, April 1: Worship Service and Communion at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.
- Easter, April 4: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service led by the Sr. High Youth Group at the 4000 block of Grandview Dr. (near Tanglewood)
 10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship Service and Communion in the Sanctuary

New Member Orientation on Saturday, May 1

There will be a prospective new member orientation day on Saturday, May 1st. We will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with breakfast and an opportunity to get to know the pastors and the church. If you or someone

you know is thinking about joining First Federated Church, please contact Pastor Daren Hofmann at 685-5258 or dhofmann@ffcpeoria.com. We will be welcoming new members during worship on May 16th.

DOLLARS Financial Report - Operating Fund as of February 28, 2010



	<u>Month-To-Date, February 2010</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
Receipts	\$ 200,172*	\$ 788,244
Disbursements	\$ 118,540	
Net Total	\$ 81,632	

*Includes \$101,414 of prepaid pledges.



Softball Summer Team Forming

First Federated Church is looking for men and women (age 16 or older) who want to join the church softball team. Games are on Monday nights starting in May and continuing until early August at Northminster Presbyterian Church softball fields. We play a 45-minute game

each week and a tournament at the end of the season. This is a co-ed slow pitch league. If you are interested in playing, sign-up at the front desk or email Rev. Hofmann at dhofmann@ffcpeoria.com so that we can schedule a pre-season warm-up and get shirt sizes for jerseys.

Illinois State Historical Society Recognition of FFC ...from the Archive, by Barbara Meyn

The 2010 Illinois State Historical Society's Centennial Awards Program focused on Illinois churches, synagogues, meetinghouses, and congregations organized 150 or more years ago. Barbara Meyn filed the application for eligibility with documentation regarding the founding of First Congregational Church in 1834, Second Presbyterian Church 1853, and First Federated Church 1937 through the federation of the First Congregational and Second Presbyterian churches.

The Sesquicentennial Church Awards Celebration and Banquet was held March 7 in conjunction with the Society's Annual Illinois History Symposium at

Wheaton College. Barbara Meyn represented FFC to accept a certificate that states "The Illinois State Historical Society officially recognizes the religious, cultural, civic, and moral heritage of the First Federated Church of Peoria, established 1834." The certificate is signed by Mark Sorensen, President, Illinois State Historical Society and Pat Quinn, Governor, State of IL.

Other Peoria religious institutions that participated in the Church Awards Program are United Presbyterian Church founded 1834; First Baptist Church 1836; First Christian Church 1845; and Congregation Anshai Emeth 1859.

Mission Notes

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least, you have done it unto me. Jesus, in Matthew 25:40

Trewyn Honor Roll Pancake Breakfast is Thursday, April 1



Please call church coordinator, **Jim Stowell**, if you want to join in on the fun by volunteer-

ing to help set up (6:00-8:00 a.m.), serve (7:30-9:00 a.m.) and/or clean up (8:30-10:00 a.m.).



FOOD & SHELTER

One Great Hour of Sharing — Special Easter Offering

Since 1949, Christians have joined in *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This is FFC's annual denominational mission offering. Proceeds go the UCC's support of Church World Services and the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance program. Both programs provide finan-

cial disaster assistance locally, nationally and internationally. You are encouraged to give prayerful support, and please consider the great need as you place your offering in the special envelope included in this Life Together or provided in the pews at church.

Christmas in April Mission Work Project



To paraphrase the Marine Corps television ad, "We need several good people to help paint on **Saturday, April 24 starting at 8:00 a.m.** and finishing up early that afternoon." The location is the interior of the Peoria Association for Retarded Citizens workshop

at 1913 Townline Rd., Peoria (where N. University St. ends). Previous experience not required. If you can volunteer, please sign-up at the front desk, call the church at 685-5258, or talk with **Karen Calder** or **Chuck Dykhouse**.



"Soup"er Bowl Sunday Update

Thanks to the great success and positive feedback we received from the *Empty Bowls* project in February. As of March 23, we have received \$3,275 to help support the Midwest Food Bank. The event raises awareness of hunger, both worldwide and within our own community. The Mission Committee has accepted the handoff from the Christian Education Committee to

organize this event on an annual basis. The Mission Committee welcomes ideas about ways to keep the event intergenerational without creating soup bowls every year. If you have suggestions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Resnick at Cresnick@icc.edu. We look forward to the creative tasteful soups in next year's soup judging contest!



CROPWALK is Sunday, April 25

The Peoria Area CROPWALK is preparing for CROP Hunger Walk '10. We will walk 10K at Proctor Hospital's Fitness Trail, rain or shine, to help people of the world be able to have the nutrition, safe water, and re-

sources to rebuild. We are a Community Responding to Overcome Poverty. **Registration is at Hult Health Center: 1 p.m.; Step-off Ceremony: 1:50 p.m.** Watch for church members gathering sponsors during Fellowship Hour.

Kids' Kingdom News by Kim Snarr (ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com)

This Month In Kids' Kingdom Sunday School...

Bible Story: *Resurrection of Jesus*


Scripture: John 20:1-18

Something to Remember:

"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that He had said these things to her." (*John 20:18*)



Palm Sunday, March 28

All children are welcome to meet in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. to practice for a "triumphant entry" with palms into the worship service. Don't forget to bring your FISH  BANK!

Easter Sunday, April 4

There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning. Families are encouraged to worship and celebrate the Resurrection together. The nursery IS still available.



Children & Youth Music Upcoming Music Dates

Palm Sunday, March 28
Junior Chorus and Cherub Choir

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, July 18 -
Thursday, July 22**

Vacation Bible School is an important relationship-building event at FFC. Friendships develop among volunteers and children; new friends are made within our community; and ultimately, we all grow in our relationship with God...all this before *and* during an awesome week of fun.

We hope YOU can be part of all this as we begin preparing. There's TONS of work to do...decorations, copying, crafts prep, assembling, laminating, etc. Please plan to join us for some fun on our work days. Adults and helpful children are both welcome!

- **Sunday, May 16:** 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 12:** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 11:** 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Youth Ministry News (6th - 12th Grades) by Amy O'Brien (aobrien@ffcpeoria.com)

Confirmation (7th - 8th Grades)

Meets on Sundays at 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. on the 3rd floor following *Time with the Growing Church*.

- **April 4:** Sit with families for Easter.
 - **April 11:** Nancy Amos as guest teacher
 - **April 18:** Kim Predmore as guest teacher
 - **April 25:** Suzanne Mooney as guest teacher
- *8th grade confirmation stoles to be completed in April.

Confirmation Field Trip — April 23 (Friday night)

Confirmands and mentors will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Anshai Emeth (5614 N. University) for a 7:30 p.m. service. After worship we will go to Barb and Greg Johnston's house for a brief conversation and dessert. Pick-up will be at the Johnston home at 9:45 p.m.

Junior & Sr. High Youth Fellowship (6th - 12th Grades)

YWCA Pool at Lakeview
(1017 W. Lake Ave.)

Sunday, April 11 after worship — 2:00 p.m.




- \$5/person includes lunch & swimming
- Meet in the chapel after worship
- We'll load cars and head to the YWCA
- We will conclude at 2:00 p.m. at the pool
- FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!!!

Senior High News (9th - 12th Graders)

Worship & Sunday School

- **April 4:** Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
- **April 11:** Class with Joe Terry
- **April 18:** Worship with Todd Snarr
- **April 25:** Class with Amy O'Brien

Sr. High Fellowship

- **April 4:** Happy Easter! Easter Sunrise Service on Grandview Drive at 6:30 a.m. 
- **April 11:** YWCA Pool at Lakeview-see previous page
- ~~April 17-18: 30-Hour Famine Overnight~~ (Postponed)
- **April 25:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Sunday planning night.

Youth Sunday is May 23 — Worship led by Sr. Highs


Wanting to include ANY & ALL youth! Touch base with Amy O'Brien if there is a youth who would like to play an instrument, sing, usher, or take part in some way!

Reminders

- Mission trip payments are due!
- Youth Mission Trip Meeting April 18th at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor!

Adult Christian Education

Bible Study Series (led by Ralph Schoen at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday - 1st Floor Lounge)

 **Through May 30: Teaching on Community**
The series of Bible lessons will cover passages from the Old and New Testaments about the importance of community and our responsibility. We will be

studying Jonah, Ruth, selections from the Gospels, and the book of Colossians.

Each session is a stand-alone class, so please join us for any or all sessions.

An Altar in the World (a Lenten book study led by Rev. Daren Hofmann)

This online book study continues to dialogue through the season of Lent. Participants can log onto the blog <http://ffcadulted.blogspot.com> and be in conversations along the way. We will also meet and talk about

the entire book on **Monday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons**. If you have questions, contact Rev. Hofmann at dhofmann@ffcpeoria.com

Women's Bible Study Group (meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. - 2nd Floor Fireplace Room)

The Women's Bible Study group meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Fireplace Room. Anyone inter-

ested is invited to join us. For more information, contact Susan Kirschbaum or Barb Hein.

"Active Parenting of Teens" Course (begins on Sunday, April 18 at 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Commons)

Parenting teens is a monumental task, full of bumps in the road and rewards to savor.

Join us on **Sundays at 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18** at FFC for a comprehensive parenting course, facilitated by Rev. Frosty Krummel, geared toward par-

ents of teens and 'tweens. This program will strive to give parents confidence and courage to meet the challenges (and savor the joys) of their children's teen years.

Please call the church (685-5258) to reserve your spot and to get a Parent's Guide. A light meal will be served.

Social Groups



Frosty's Old Buddies meets the third Tuesday of each month at Bob Evans on Allen Rd.

Join us for a time of fellowship, food, and fun at our next monthly breakfast on **April 20th at Bob**

Evans on Allen Road at 8:00 a.m. We meet in the back room and order off the menu.

Social Groups continued...



Mothers' Club meets on Wednesday, April 28th at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for our next meeting at 12:30 p.m. on April 28th. Our program, "Myths & Truths in Medical Statistics," by Dr. Don Crane, will be presented in the Chapel.

This intergenerational group of women invites any interested women to join us for the fellowship, friendship and faith upon which the club was founded. You don't have to be a mother to join Mothers' Club.



Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Join the fun and fellowship of our prayer shawl knitters each Tuesday morning

from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the lounge. Don't know how to knit? They'll teach you.



Sunday Supper Club meets on Sunday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our next meeting on April 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons. A potluck dinner will be followed by the program,

"Step Back Ladies," presented by the Peoria Historical Society. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.



Women's Book Club meets at Apple's Bakery at 9:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays

The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
April 24th

It Ain't All About the Cooking
by Paula Deen
May 22nd

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven
by Fannie Flagg
June 26th

Short Notes



Friendship House Spring Luncheon

Friday, April 23 at 12:00 Noon
800 NE Madison Ave.

Boutique & Bake Sale at 10:30 a.m.
Quilt Drawing During Luncheon
Program: "9 to 5" - A Vocal Trio
Tickets: \$7.00

For reservations, call Friendship House (671-5200) or Barb Hein.



Retirement Home Tours... from Ginny Thomas

Ellyn Book of Lutheran Hillside Village, and Deba Cioni of Bickford of Peoria on University, have invited men and women of FFC to tour their facilities. Lutheran Hillside Village will transport us from FFC at 9:30 a.m. on May 13th for the morning tour and return us to FFC at 11:30 a.m. We'll each bring a sack lunch to enjoy together at the church between tours. Drinks will be furnished. Bickford House will then pick us up at 1:30 p.m. for their tour and return us back to the church at approximately 3:30 p.m. We'll be traveling in their buses.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table near the reception desk. Both centers need to know how many to expect, so please sign-up by April 15th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Ginny Thomas .

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Friday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.



Join us for an evening of baseball, hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks on June 11 as the Peoria Chiefs take on the Great Lake Loons at O'Brien Field. **The deadline for the group ticket price of \$7 is Sunday, May 2.** You may sign up at the front desk, by calling the church office (685-5258), or by emailing (info@ffcpeoria.com).

A shopping event in support of

The Children's Hospital of Illinois

Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Commons

There will be goodies available from Silpada Jewelry, Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy Candles, Lia Sophia jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Happy Family Creations, Dove Chocolate, Stampin' Up!, and MORE!!

Don't miss out on your chance to shop and help raise money for one of our local miracles!

See posters for more details. Event is sponsored by church member Jennifer VandeWiele. Please call her with any questions.

April 2010 at First Federated Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Holy Week Worship Schedule
 10:00 a.m. Service
Palm Sunday (March 28):
Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Service
Easter: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (led by the St. High Youth Group at 4000 block of Grandview Dr. (near Tanglenwood)
 10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration In the Sanctuary

Communion
1 MAUNDY THURSDAY
 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Honor Roll
 Pancake Breakfast - Trewyn School
 8:30 TOPS
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

2

 Good Friday
 Church Office Closed

3

Communion
4
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 (4000 block of Grandview Dr.)
 10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration
 In the Sanctuary

5
 12:15 PEO
 7:00 Orpheus

6
 8:30 Prayer Shawl Group
 9:30 Women's Bible Study
 4:30 Mission Committee

7
 8:30 Clergy Bible Study

8
 8:30 TOPS
 11:00 PEO
 7:00 Choir

9

10
 8:00-12:00 PEO

11
 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E.
 10:00 Worship, Sunday School
 11:15 Jr. & Sr. Hights at YMCA
 Pool at Lakeview
 5:30 Sunday Supper Club

12
 12:15 PEO
 6:00 Lenten Book Study
 7:00 Orpheus
 7:00 Building & Grounds

13
 8:30 Prayer Shawl Group
 9:30 Women's Bible Study
 7:00 Finance

14
 8:30 Clergy Bible Study
 11:30 UCC Clergy

15
 Deadline for Life
 Together Articles
 8:30 TOPS
 6:00 Membership Committee
 7:00 Executive Board
 7:00 Choir

16
 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal

17
 5:00 Wedding

18
 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E.
 9:00 Youth Mission Trip Mtg.
 10:00 Worship, Sunday School
 5:00 Active Parenting of Teens

19
 7:00 Orpheus

20
 8:00 Old Buddies at
 Bob Evans-Allen Rd.
 8:30 Prayer Shawl Group
 9:30 Women's Bible Study

21
 8:30 Clergy Bible Study
 10:00 Staff Planning
 2:00 N. Peoria Women

22
 8:30 TOPS
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Reg's Preschool Graduation

23
 12:00 Friendship House
 Spring Luncheon
 7:00 Confirmation Field
 Trip to Anshel Emeth

24
 8:00 *Christmas In April*
 Mission Work Project:
 Painting at PARC
 9:00 Women's Book Club at
 Apple's Bakery

25
 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E.
 10:00 Worship, Sunday School
 1:00 CROPWALK
 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group
 5:00 Active Parenting of Teens

26
 7:00 Orpheus

27
 8:30 Prayer Shawl Group
 9:30 Women's Bible Study

28
 8:30 Clergy Bible Study
 12:30 Mothers' Club

29
 8:30 TOPS
 7:00 Choir

30
 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal

Short Notes continued...



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Knitters not pictured in the March issue of Life Together:

Donna Biesinger, Marti Dallmeyer, Judy Grimm, Kirsten Hanson, Bonnie Hinrichsen, Lois Litterst, Eileen Loomes, Lois Mayer, Debi Meils, Sue Moline, Ginny Woodhouse

A big thank you to all prayer shawl knitters. If we missed anyone, know that your support is valued. Feel free to contact Alice Racine at maracine@comcast.net for more information.

GLIMPSE OF GRACE. . . by Frosty

We had tree surgeons in our yard when the weather broke for spring. There had been a very pretty but gnarled messy tree on the northeast corner of our house that was becoming increasingly unsightly and a hindrance when it came time to clean the gutters. Growing through our back deck (Yes, right through the deck!) we had a large tree that was about four-

“If you find yourself going down the wrong road, turn around before you go so far down the road that you get stuck!”

feet in diameter cut down several years ago. The stump was left at table height and we had the crazily creative idea of using it as a “natural” table with a clear top sur-

face. Unfortunately that didn’t work out as Nature had other plans. The tree had been dying and with only a stump remaining, decay moved in quickly. So, we had the stump cut out, leaving a large hole in the middle of the deck. The hole will be easily repaired, even by a klutz like me!

As I looked at the now empty spaces on a spring-like afternoon, I got to thinking about the changes that need to occur in life. Some beautiful things become overgrown and more of a stumbling block than a blessing. Other things, like well-intentioned plans, just do

not work out as we had hoped or wished. We can either hang on to those things and keep pouring time, energy, and resources into them, or we can cut our losses and move on. Either way, the ultimate outcome will be the same. It is a little painful to admit that we've outgrown some things, or that some things that we longed for and cherished need to go, but as those old “philosophers” *The Berenstain Bears* pointed out in Trouble at School, “If you find yourself going down the wrong road, turn around before you go so far down the road that you get stuck!”

Life is about “moving on.” The only way to do that is to clean out what is holding you down.

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