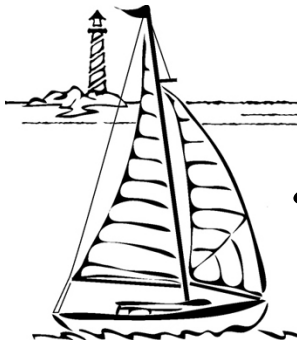


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Summer Is Sailing In At First Federated Church

Summer 8:00 a.m. Worship Opportunity Begins June 1st



For the summer, in addition to our 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service, we will have an 8:00 a.m. abbreviated worship service in either the Garth or the Chapel beginning on Sunday, June 1st.

Begin Making Plans Now For Father's Day On Sunday, June 15th



Celebrate Father's Day by attending our second annual Jazz Worship Service at 10 o'clock on June 15th. *The Jane Hartman Trio* will help lead our worship service. Make special effort to invite a neighbor, friend, family member or co-worker to join you in worship.

2008 Family FunDay Is Sunday, June 29th Following Worship



Enjoy great food, fun, and fellowship after worship on June 29th at our annual All-Church Family FunDay. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please sign-up at church so we can plan enough food for all... 685-5258.



Great Lunch Right Off The Grill! ... Ice Cream! ... Inflated Bouncers & Slides! ... "Balloon Doug!"

2008 "Rainforest Adventure" Vacation Bible School Is July 13th - 17th



Join us as we explore a canopy of adventure at "Rainforest Adventure!" Westminster Presbyterian and Korean Presbyterian Churches will be joining us on Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. each evening at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1420 W. Moss Avenue. See page 4 for more information.

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For The Record

Baptisms:



Emery, Cameron, and Adriene Donald
Children of Amanda & Nick Donald
Baptized on May 11, 2008

New Members:

Welcome!

Photo not available on website newsletter.

Clarissa & John Kolmer and their children, Jefferson and Neil

Births:



James Herbert Hofmann
Son of Sarah & Daren Hofmann
Born on May 10, 2008

Welcome!



Clare Eileen Sullivan
Daughter of Sarah & Michael Sullivan
Granddaughter of Eileen & Graham Loomes
Born April 24, 2008

Photo provided by Norm Meyn.
Thank You, Norm!



Oliver Tegtmeier
Son of Gwen & Kurt Tegtmeier
Great-Grandson of Poody Lamoureaux
Born on April 27, 2008

The Church Triumphant:



Our condolences to **Sue & Rick Goldhammer** upon the death of Sue's grandmother, Ethel Glass.



Our condolences to **Dave & Carol Zentgraf** upon the death of Dave's father, Ernie Zentgraf.

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

Join Us in Prayer...



On the second Sunday morning of each month from 9:00-9:30 a.m. you may participate in a prayer group. We pray for members and friends of FFC, for our community, for the world and for individual concerns. The next gathering will be on **Sunday, June 8th** in the pastor's study.

The Deacons Surprise "Daddy" Daren



The Deacons surprised Rev. Hofmann with the perfect gift that every family with a newborn needs... a rocking chair.

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

Friendship House Needs Representative From FFC

The Women's Auxiliary Board at Friendship House is looking for a representative from First Federated Church to serve on the auxiliary board. This is a great opportunity

for local mission service. The board meets at Friendship House on the fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. If interested, please contact Judy Morris at 243-8335.

Mission Notes continued

Mental Health Association's Symposium Is Sponsored By Our Christmas Offering

On Friday, April 25, the Mental Health Association of Illinois Valley held their Fourth Annual "Protecting Our Youth" Suicide Prevention Symposium at the ICC North Campus to promote awareness about the latest research and the best practices in youth suicide prevention programs. The Symposium was sponsored in large part by First Federated's \$1,500 donation from our Christmas 2007 Gift Catalog offering. Attendance was more than

double that of previous symposiums - over 100 educators, mental health professionals, students and anyone interested in protecting our youth attended. Feedback was extremely positive. On Sunday, June 1, Katie Jones, the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association, will be at First Federated to provide a brief overview of the symposium and to express their thanks for our generous donation.

(Submitted by Anne Heppner)

Volunteers Needed for Thomas Jefferson's "Field Day"

Thomas Jefferson, our Adopt-a-School partner, is looking for volunteers to help them at TJ "Field Day" on Thursday, May 29. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 - 11:00 and/or 1:00 - 2:30 to help the teachers run the

Field Day events that include games and prizes to celebrate the last day of school. If you are able to help them out, please call the school at 672-6531 to sign-up.

Thomas Jefferson, Our Adopt-A-School Partner, Needs Our Help In Collecting Boxtops

The Box-tops for Education program provides 10¢ for every Box-top schools turn in from participating products. Products range from paper/plastic goods (e.g. Ziploc, Viva, Kleenex, Hefty, Huggies) to baking goods (e.g. Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Bisquick) to cereals (e.g. Cheerios, Fiber One, Total) to snacks (e.g. Yoplait, Fruit Snacks, Nature Valley Granola bars). Hundreds of products are included. To make it easy, we are providing Ziploc snacks bags with a "Box-tops for TJ" label



for you to take home. All you have to do is cut the Box-top labels from the packaging, put them in the baggie and turn them in to church when we collect them in the fall. Our goal is to collect 3000 labels which will provide Thomas Jefferson with \$300 to use for their reading and extra curricular programs. Please help us out and start collecting today. Don't throw them away - save them for TJ!

Kids' Kingdom News

What's Happening In Kids' Kingdom This Summer?

Worship Exploration for Children

This summer presents an exciting opportunity for children to learn more about worship in a way that makes sense to them. From the *Call to Worship* to the *Benediction*, each Sunday we'll take a closer look at the purpose of a different act of worship. The children will be invited to come forward for a children's message just prior to the particular act of worship we're learning about. After the message, children are invited to leave the sanctuary for a "worship exploration" activity time where we'll take an even closer look at worship. What a great opportunity for children to learn more about what they seldom have the chance to observe!



FFC Vacation Bags Are Ready To Go!

Be sure you check-out an "FFC Vacation Bag" to take on your trip so that your church family goes with you "in spirit." This bag is full of fun *and* meaning including postcard stamps, pencil/pen & paper, a devotional book, a journal for sharing your adventures, a disposable camera, and maybe a treat or two. Be sure not to miss "Flat Frosty" and "Flat Daren" too. They would love to be in some of your vacation photos! This fun is great for ALL ages. Vacation bags can be "checked-out" in the 2nd floor hallway outside of the Bride's Lounge.

Kids' Kingdom News continued

ME & MISSIONS CHANGING LIVES!

m Don't forget to return your "M&M Minis" container full of quarters on Sunday, June 1st. This is a fun fundraiser to support the Sr. High Youth Group Mission Trip to Puerto Rico this summer.



VACATION BULLETIN BOARD needs your contribution!

We're doing a "vacation bulletin board" where you can mark where you traveled on a map and then post the church bulletin from other churches you visit while traveling. It'll be fun to see where FFC travels this summer!



VBS 2008

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



Mark your calendar and get your registration turned in for this year's joint ADVENTURE with FFC, Westminster, and Korean Presbyterian Churches! The cost is \$10 and includes a t-shirt, CD of music, nightly meals for the children, and a Thursday Family Feast. All registrations must be turned in by July 1st.



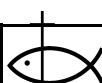
Sunday, July 13 - Thursday, July 17
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1420 W. Moss Avenue

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need help with skits, small group leaders, games & recreation, science, storytelling, and making nametags. Please call or email Kim Snarr (685-5258 or ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com) if you're interested in helping with this year's Vacation Bible School.

Junior High News



Confirmation Sunday is June 1st

We are thrilled to receive ten 8th graders into the membership of First Federated Church. Throughout the semester, each youth worked with a spiritual mentor who devoted time and energy to the spiritual development of their confirmand. On behalf of the congregation, we thank these mentors.

Confirmand

Ross Brimberry
Charles Fenner
Cory Foster
Matt Goldhammer
Scott Henderson
Ansley Heppner
Caitlin McCormick
Colleen McNally
Hadley Wahlfeld
Georgia West

Spiritual Mentor

Tom Howard
Keith Schaefer
John Edwards
Mark Hanson
Randy Sleeth
Carol Sleeth
Laura Kowalske
Cindy Schoen
Sally Fenner
Zan Ransburg

Confirmation Breakfast



On the morning of Confirmation, Beth Khazzam will lead the 7th grade families in hosting a breakfast for the 8th graders, the Spiritual Mentors, Teachers, Pastor, and Vice Moderator. 7th grade families should ask Beth what they could do to be helpful (i.e., decorate, cook, serve, clean up etc...). Our Vice Moderator, Ralph Schoen, will join the breakfast to welcome the youth and invite them to consider how they can connect to the wider congregational life.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Preparers
8:45 a.m. 8th Graders, Spiritual Mentors, Pastors, Teachers, & Vice Moderator
9:40 a.m. Confirmation Pictures
10:00 a.m. Worship & Confirmation

Senior High News (9th - 12th Graders)

Sr. High Mission Trip Update

Fifteen youth and five adults will head to Caguas, Puerto Rico from June 14-21. The group will engage in a variety of service work including minor home repairs, outdoor beautification projects, and summer programs for children. The youth and families have been fundraising throughout the year. The total trip will cost approximately \$21,000. Here is where we stand:

Youth & Adult Payments	\$ 7,500
Missions Committee's assistance towards travel	\$ 2,000
Youth Budget 2007	\$ 450
Youth Budget 2008	\$ 2,000
Sr. High Individual Funds from previous fundraiser	\$ 500
Fall Fest	\$ 729
FFC Sportswear	\$ 513
Christmas Wreath Sale	\$ 344
Tasting Party	\$ 420
Super Bowl Subs	\$ 440
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	\$ 450
March Babysitting Nights	\$ 610
Meet Your Deacon	\$ 157
Culvers	\$ 250
Contributions	\$ 825
Anonymous	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$18,189

"Thank you for helping us work towards our goal. We have plans to offer an FFC sportswear reorder, a Dine-Out night at Monical's Pizza, and a "Make a Change" project. It is our belief that such trips have the possibility to change the lives of the people we serve and to form the spiritual lives of the adult and youth who attend. It is only possible through your support. Thank you!"



Please keep our members in your prayers as they travel:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tucker Bechtold | Colleen McNally |
| Becky Fanta | Brian Northrup |
| Julie Fanta | Lauren Northrup |
| Steve Fanta | Garrick Predmore |
| Elizabeth Jennison | Christina Schlicksup |
| Alyssa Kowalske | Greta Shull |
| Kent Kowalske | Warren Shull |
| Amy O'Brien | Chase Snarr |
| Caitlin McCormick | Kim Snarr |
| Cameron McCormick | Jessica Whitaker |

Adult Christian Education

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

Through August 31: Images of Christ

What did Jesus do? What does it mean to live like Jesus lived? These are questions many of us ask as we want to learn more about Jesus. The Bible lessons from Hebrews and the Gospels help



us look at Biblical answers to the question about the identity and actions of Jesus. Each session is a stand-alone class, so you can attend any, or all sessions.

Social Groups

Frosty's Old Buddies by Ned Loar and Phil Withrow

Join us for our monthly breakfast at Bob Evans on Allen Road at 8:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. We will meet in the back room and order off the menu. We don't care if you come early or late,

but you will enjoy a time of *fellowship*, food, and FUN. The next breakfast will be on **June 17**. Reservations are not needed, just show up & enjoy!



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

Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
June 28th

Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
July 26th

Dark Assassin by Ann Perry
August 23rd

Thank You Notes

Music Appreciation ... a source of joy, peace, pleasure and inspiration

Tremendous Thanks To The Chancel Choir, Directed by Wayne Macomber

Special thanks to the Chancel Choir members (listed below) and Director, **Wayne Macomber**, for the '07-'08 year.

Kathy Allin, Janie Gerdes-Brunner, Mary Delicath, George Fanta, Helen & Al Ferguson, Barbara & Dick Hanson, Shannon Helms, Karen Henderson, Jack Koch, Nancy & Rick Koelbel, Karl Kuppler, Anne

Leiter, Dick Marsho, Dirk McGinnis, John Morris, Vance Parkhurst, Sue Parks, Alice Racine, Mindi Samuelson, Kay Sauder, Sue & Tony Sauder, Marlene Sealine, Nancy Shelton, Randy Sleeth, Debbie Steenrod, Avalyn Swain, Shirley Thistlewood, Jeanette Weaver, and Richard Tomic, Organist

Handbell Choir News from Richard Tomic, Director

As the 2007-2008 choir season rolls to an end, Mother's Day marked the last time the Handbell Choir would play at the 10:00 a.m. Worship service. The choir provided musical leadership at the worship service once each month during the season as well as Christmas Eve (late), and Maundy Thursday. Their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment was outstanding. Special recognition goes to our "regulars,"

and "substitutes."

Regular Ringers: **Kathy Allin, Jim Foley, Judy Grimm, Marian Lien, Lois Litterst, Maryanne McKay, Alice Racine, Laura Racine, Carol Sleeth and Jeanette Weaver.** And To Our Substitute Ringers: **Mary Delicath, Mike Haller, Karen Henderson, Marilyn Howard, Laura Johnson, Sue Krummel and Jerrie Ruck.**

A special thank you for a wonderful year!

Special Thanks to the Kids' Choir and Directors, Kay Sauder, Shannon Helms, and Colleen McNally

We have so much enjoyed listening to their youthful and energetic voices throughout the year. Kids' Choir members are: **Austin Abraham, Justin Alderson, Kelsey Alderson, Lucy Allen, Zoe Allen, Matthew Dekker, Emery Donald, Elizabeth Elwood, Madelyn Flo, Jordyn**

Hanson, Charlotte Jennison, Erin Koch, Jefferson Kolmer, Taylor Morris, Hannah O'Brien, Ian O'Laughlin, Ashley Silver, Isabell Skaggs, Samantha Snarr, Lindsay Spigelmyer-Roth, Brooke Stevens, Alana Terry, Maggie Van Auken, Mark VandeWiele, and Ryan VandeWiele.

ACOLYTES 2007-08

Thank you to the following acolytes who have served our church this past school year:

1st year

**Abby Jockisch
Hannah O'Brien
Taylor Morris
Carl Resnick
Ashley Silver
Kassidy Skaggs**



3rd year

**Morgan Day
David Fenner**

4th year

Danielle Snarr

5th year

Hanna Bechtold

6th year

Michelle Mooney

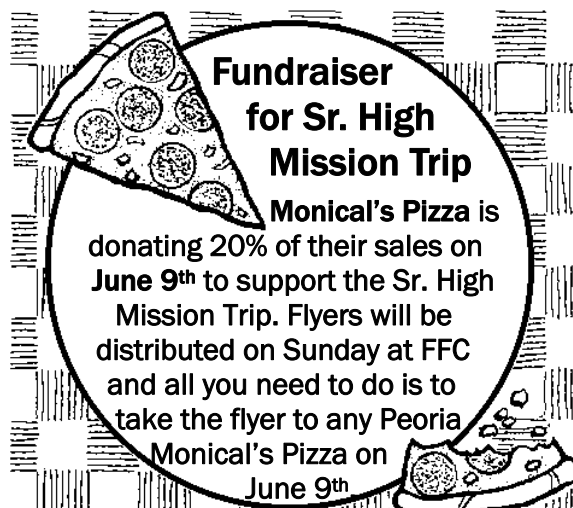
2nd year

**Jordan Morris
Jillian Wahlfeld
Casey Walker**

Short Note




Fundraiser for Sr. High Mission Trip

Monical's Pizza is donating 20% of their sales on **June 9th** to support the Sr. High Mission Trip. Flyers will be distributed on Sunday at FFC and all you need to do is to take the flyer to any Peoria Monical's Pizza on **June 9th**





June 2008 at First Federated Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Confirmation Sunday 8:00 Worship in the Garth 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 9:00 Spiritual Mentors' Break-fast-Bride's Lounge 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	2 11:00-3:00 PEO 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Building & Grounds	3 4:30 Mission Committee (at Center for Prevention of Abuse)	4 8:00 Clergy Bible Study 9:30 Church Mice 10:00 Yoga	5 4:30 Communications	6	7  FLAG DAY
8 8:00 Worship in the Garth 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	9 "Eat at Monical's Pizza" Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip 5:15 TOPS	10 7:00 Finance	11 8:00 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga	12 6:30 Lifelink	13	14 Sr. Highs depart on Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
15  FATHERS 8:00 Worship in the Garth 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	16 Deadline for Life Together Articles 5:15 TOPS	17 8:00 a.m. Old Buddies at Bob Evans on Allen Rd.	18 8:00 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga 7:00 Deacons	19 6:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Executive Board	20 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00-10:00 Lifelink Craft Night	21 Sr. Highs return from Mission Trip to Puerto Rico 2:00 Wedding
22 8:00 Worship in the Garth 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	23 5:15 TOPS	24	25 8:00 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga	26	27	28 9:00 Women's Book Club at Apple's Bakery
29 Family FUNday (following Worship)	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Starting June 1st</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 a.m. Worship in the Garth 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary</p>  </div>				

GLIMPSE OF GRACE. . . by Frosty

My wife, Sue, had to be out of town for a few days and asked me to be sure to check on her new hydrangea. If it didn't rain I was supposed to water it. While she was gone we had a couple of rainy nights. She and I were going to meet in Cedar Rapids that weekend where I was to officiate at a family wedding. I checked the plant before I left. The soil was quite moist. While we were gone, though, the sun and the wind conspired to suck up all of the moisture. When we

In the whirlwind of summer activity it is quite easy for the "soil" in which we spiritually grow to become dried out as we become more and more "stressed." Don't let that happen. Be pro-active.

arrived home on Sunday evening the poor hydrangea was definitely stressed. Sue gave it a good watering and we have every reason to believe that it will recover.

I got to thinking how things had turned so quickly. One day the hydrangea was fine. Three days later, it wasn't. The same can happen to us in our spiritual lives. If we do not

continually "drink from the well of Living Water" it isn't long before we find ourselves spiritually parched. It is quite easy for this to happen. We become busier and busier. We begin to push important things aside for the sake of the urgent. Before long we develop new habits orbiting the newly urgent. And we become dry.

We are entering the summer months. It has been traditionally thought of as a time of "R & R"—rest and relaxation. It could more accurately be called "the crazy, hazy, lazy days of summer." Many of us will be traveling. Some of you will be spending weekends at summer homes. For young families, schedules kick into "high gear" with a variety of "camps"—music, baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, church camp, horse camp—the list is endless. In the whirlwind of summer activity it is quite easy for the "soil"

in which we spiritually grow to become dried out as we become more and more stressed. Don't let that happen. Be pro-active.

Begin your Sunday early with our 8 am worship service in the Garth. The outdoor "garden" worship service with the summer sky overhead is a wonderful way to start the day. (We will still have our regular 10 am worship service.) Join us and invite a friend to our annual summer Family FunDay. Make time for Vacation Bible School. If you do travel, be a "glimpse of grace." In your travels, make time for worship. Bring us back a bulletin or newsletter—we are always borrowing ideas to enrich our own spiritual lives. Take an FFC "Vacation Bag" with you. It will be fun to see where "Flat Frosty" and "Flat Daren" show up!

Come back in the fall "well-watered" and refreshed. We have a lot of Kingdom work to do.

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