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## November Is A Month To Celebrate ...

### ... Our Heritage On All Saints' Day/Heritage Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>



Celebrate with us the history of First Federated Church during our Sunday worship service, and then join us afterwards for our annual Heritage Day dinner.

**Menu:** Roast Turkey ~ Dressing ~ Gravy ~ Roasted Red-skinned Potatoes  
Corn Casserole ~ Dinner Roll ~ Apple Pie ~ Beverage

Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person / \$20 per family max., children (3 & under) free. **Sign-up** by calling the church (685-5258) or at the church reception desk, or at <http://www.ffcpeoria.com/events/register> by **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### ... Our New Members

We invite new members to join the church every **All Saints' Day/Heritage Sunday**, and we invite everyone to greet our newest members and get to know them in the coming months. Hospitality is one way we can show God's love in the world.

### ... The Lives Of Loved Ones Who Have Died

During the worship service on **All Saints' Day/Heritage Sunday**, worshipers are welcome to light a candle in memory of loved ones. In a litany during the worship service, we will remember members and friends who have completed this part of life since the last time we celebrated All Saints' Day.

### ... The Start Of The Advent Season On November 29<sup>th</sup>

Get a great start to the Advent season with your children or grandchildren at our annual **Gingerbread House Party** on **November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This is an intergenerational event that includes an awesome homemade dinner and gingerbread house decorating. Your only cost is to bring a bag of decorating candy to share and a canned good for the food pantry.



**Important:** Please call the church at 685-5258 to sign up so we know how many houses to bake and how much food to prepare.

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# For The Record

## Births:

### Andrew James Breidert

Son of Sarah & Stephen Breidert  
Grandson of Jane & Jim Rosenbaum  
Born September 30, 2009

### Taylor Addison Marshall

Daughter of Kirstin & Scott Marshall  
Granddaughter of  
Carol & Doug Marshall  
Born October 12, 2009



### Spencer Taylor Clince

Son of Muffy & Sean Clince  
Grandson of Vicki & Mike Drake  
Born September 15, 2009

### Wyatt Hudson Moore

Son of Kirstin & Matt Moore  
Grandson of Carol & Randy Sleeth  
Born September 28, 2009

## The Church Triumphant:



**Jerry Delicath** completed this part of Life on October 15.



**John C. Parkhurst** completed this part of Life on October 17.



**Betty Radley** completed this part of Life on September 29.

**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



## Have Your Picture Taken For The New Pictorial Directory

If you have not yet had your picture taken, you can still come to the Lounge on the first two Sundays of November.

We will be taking pictures during the hour leading up to and the hour following worship. If

you will be unable to get your picture taken on a Sunday at church, please call the office, 685-5258, and ask to have your name on the list of those still needing a picture taken. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress towards the directory.

## First Federated Church Received \$12,500 Mission Grant

The Presbytery of Great Rivers awarded First Federated Church a \$12,500 mission initiative grant for our project among the street boys in Mombasa, Kenya. Mission grants are given to congregations starting new ministries beyond their local setting and that promote members within the congregation working together. The grants are given four times a year. The Rev. Dick Johnson, in awarding the grant, noted that First Federated Church has shown a vision that exemplifies both the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. "We were impressed by the various ways that the members of the congregation have creatively worked together sharing their individual talents. We were also impressed that they have actively sought cooperation outside of their congregation."

Pastor Krummel noted that members of the congregation donated "seed" money to be used. This "seed" money was given to individuals and groups

within the church. "Many people and groups within the congregation, and outside the congregation, took \$100 in 'seed' money and grew it into something much greater. We saw members join together into a knitting circle, 'Future Picasso' art shows, a 'Soup of the Month Club,' dinners, brunches, a rummage sale and so many things. It was amazing to see all of the new relationships that were formed. A few of the ministries will continue. I understand that the knitting group is exploring the possibility of morphing into a 'prayer shawl ministry.'"

Other participants include Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Bartonville, Lacon Congregational Church, and the Congregational Church in Morton. Another area congregation wants to be apprised of the work of FFC as they consider the international mission project in their 2010 budget.



## The Birth and Polity of the First Congregational Church 1834-1847

(From the Archive, by Barbara Meyn)

This December 28 is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Congregational Church. On that day, in 1834, ten New England Congregationalists and three Presbyterians united under the Plan of Union to organize the Main Street Presbyterian Church. The Plan, devised by the Congregational Association of Connecticut and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1801, merged their missionary efforts to establish churches in new settlements in northern states and western territories. Churches could be Congregational or Presbyterian but it was strongly advocated that the Presbyterian form be used on the frontier. Thus, the Main Street Church, like many others consisting of New England Congregationalists, became Presbyterian churches.

At the time the Main Street Church was born, there was discord within the Presbyterian Church over theological, ecclesiastical, moral and political questions of the day, including slavery, dividing the church in 1837. The conservative, denominational minded faction became the Old School, and the liberal, interdenominational faction the New School. Main Street was inclined to the New School side of the controversies from its beginning and affiliated with the New School.

The slavery question was divisive and one of the strongest influences that separated Congregationalists from Presbyterians. Old and New School had churches with slaveholding ministers and members and were tolerant of slavery to hold on to southern support, while Congregationalists called for disfellowship of slaveholders.

The ministers and members of the Main Street Church worked to abolish slavery and it was known as the Abolition Church. Like other churches of the day it sought to dissolve the ecclesiastical connection that they felt made it responsible for slavery. On October 27,

1847, by vote of sixteen Congregationalists to six Presbyterians, it finally became Congregational in form, as it ever had been in spirit, and became known as the Main Street Congregational Church.

The following helps to tell the rest of the story that leads to another unique union of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Peoria that created The First Federated Church.

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- **December 28, 1834** — Ten Congregationalists and three Presbyterians unite under the Plan of Union to organize the Main Street Presbyterian Church, N.S.
- **October 27, 1847** — The Main Street Presbyterian Church votes to adopt the Congregational form and becomes the Main Street Congregational Church.
- **October 10, 1855** — Twenty-two members withdraw from the Main Street Congregational Church to organize the Union Congregational Church. The Union Church organized as the New School Presbyterian Church on December 8, 1857. In 1867 it became known as the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church.
- **January 31, 1875** The Main Street Congregational Church and the Fulton Street Presbyterian Church reunite to form The First Congregational Church.

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **December 7, 1853** — Twenty-eight members withdraw from the First Presbyterian Church, O.S., organized December 22, 1834, to organize the Second Presbyterian Church, O.S.

### FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH

- **November 17, 1937** — The First Congregational Church and the Second Presbyterian Church ratify articles of federation to create The First Federated Church of Peoria.

## Mission Notes



### World Communion Sunday Special Offering Has A Wonderful Response

The Missions Committee thanks each of you for considering the *World Communion* special offer-

*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

ing. Through your generosity we have received \$38,064 for *Cornerstone Development's Mombasa Project*.

### Trewyn Honor Roll Pancake Breakfast is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>



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.).

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

### **This Month In Kids' Kingdom Sunday School**

#### **Bible Story:**

*Ruth's* commitment to serving others, especially family, will be explored through movie and scripture comparison, computer illustrations, and making fleece blankets to be donated to the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

**Scripture:** Ruth 1 - 4

#### **Something to Remember:**

*"Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God."* (Ruth 1:16b)

#### **Chapel Offering: to benefit the Center for Prevention of Abuse**

Our children's chapel offering will support Peoria's *Center for Prevention of Abuse*. During Sunday School, children will hear a representative from the Center discuss bullying. They will also be making fleece blankets for donation to children at the Center.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up Remain in Worship on November 1<sup>st</sup>**

There will be no Sunday School for all children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older on **HERITAGE SUNDAY, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Older children will worship with their families for the entire service. The Nursery WILL still be available.

### **Children & Youth Music Details**



#### **Upcoming Music Dates**

**November 1**

Junior Chorus sings

**November 8**

Cherub Choir sings

**November 29**

Fanfare Instrumental Ensemble

**December 6**

One of the choirs sing - TBD

**December 13**

Christmas Pageant

**December 24**

at 5:00 p.m.

both choirs & ensemble perform

## **Youth Ministry News (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)** by Amy O'Brien (aobrien@ffcpeoria.com)

### **Junior High Youth Fellowship** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades)



**November 7 - 8**  
(Saturday - Sunday)

**Chris Predmore  
& Family Host  
Campout Party  
In Their Backyard**

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Predmore home (4022 S. Paramount, Bartonville). We'll make camp, have dinner, and enjoy our time together. Becky Fanta will campout all night with them. The kids will come to church on Sunday for worship. Let Amy O'Brien know if you are able to help transport kids back to church. See emails for alternate plans due to the weather.



### **Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Meets on Sundays at 10:15-11:15 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor following "Time with the Growing Church."

- November 1: Tom Howard
- November 8: Todd Snarr
- November 15: Frosty Krummel
- November 22: Sue Krummel
- November 29: TBD

**Reminder:** Please bring your Confirmation book each week.

### **Spiritual Mentor Breakfast Kick-off**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**



Spiritual Mentors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a breakfast to begin the mentoring process. A separate mailing is being sent.

## Senior High News (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders)

### Worship & Sunday School

Sr. Highs will begin Sunday mornings by worshipping together in the balcony. Half of the Sundays they stay in worship, and the other half they exit after "Time With The Growing Church" for a Senior High discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

- **November 1:** Worship with Todd Snarr
- **November 8:** Class with Joe Terry
- **November 15:** Worship with Todd Snarr
- **November 22:** Class with Amy O'Brien
- **November 29:** Class with Amy O'Brien

### Fellowship on Sunday Evenings

- **November 1:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. "KIVA & Stewardship"  
We have a wonderful video from the founder of KIVA. We'll also check our account and see how our KIVA loans are doing. We'll start another \$100 in loans to small business people. Pledge cards will be distributed to our youth. Bring \$3 for dinner.
- **November 10 (Tuesday):** 6:00-8:00 p.m. "SCUBA Fun!"  
Join Tom Howard for an introduction to SCUBA. We will connect to the breath of God as we explore our own breath. Join us at Five Points Recreational Center pool (360 Wilmor, Washington). Bring \$3 for the activity. (No dinner this evening.)
- **November 15:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. "Seniors Youtube Favorites"  
Enjoy an evening of sharing some of our favorite Youtube moments. We'll meet in the youth room. Bring \$3 for dinner.
- **November 22:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. "Paint Your Square Night"  
Join us and make YOUR mark on the Sr. High Youth room — paint your square. Bring \$3 for dinner.
- **November 22:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. "Gingerbread Party"  
Join your church friends for the annual Gingerbread Party and dinner. This is a GREAT event for your family to reach out & invite a family that doesn't have a church home.



## Adult Christian Education

### Bible Study Series (led by Ralph Schoen at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fireplace Room)

 **Through November 29:**  
**Bible leaders building the faith of followers**

The lessons center around the Old and New Testament and the people who helped guide believers in

their faith. We will discuss Bible lessons from Joshua, Judges, Nehemiah, Mark, and Letters from Peter.

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

### Christianity 101 and 202 (led by Rev. Daren Hofmann each Sunday morning)

**Christianity 101** continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge. This video series will give participants an opportunity to think about the fundamental Christian beliefs and doctrines. Join us as often as possible.

**Christianity 202**, which is the second half of Christianity 201, continues each Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bride's Lounge.

### Women's Bible Study Group (meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge)

A recently formed Women's Bible Study group meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge. Anyone interested is invited to join us. For further informa-

tion, contact Susan Kirschbaum or Barb Hein.

## Social Groups



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

*The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

*Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Body Surfing* by Anita Shreve  
February 27<sup>th</sup>

# Social Groups continued...



## M.O.S.A.I.C. (Mothers of School-Aged and Infant Children)

The November M.O.S.A.I.C. gathering is on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Amy O'Brien's Home at 6:00 p.m.**

*Finger Food Dinner & Personal Reflections* — Amy will

provide an assortment of finger foods and beverages. We will have a few of our members share a more personal side of their life. Join us for an evening to grow closer as a group!



## Mothers' Club meets on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon filled with Christmas music, directed by Karen Henderson, at our combined November/December meeting at **12:30 p.m. on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Commons.**

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.**




## Sunday Supper Club meets on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our next meeting on **November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons.** A potluck dinner will be followed

by the program, "Scottish Highland Dancers," by Egan & Kelsey Roberts. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.

# Short Notes

 **If you ordered a wreath, wreath pick-up is on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** (Following worship or during weekly office hours.)




### Christmas Cards For Sale

Children's Ministries at FFC will be selling professionally printed Christmas cards from awesome, colorful designs painted by our own Sunday School children. They will be packaged in an assortment of 10 for \$8 or two packages for \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Midwest Food Bank. Cards will be available each Sunday beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> during Fellowship Hour or anytime by contacting Kim Snarr at 685-5258, ext. 20.



We are ordering live poinsettias to be used in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a **poinsettia as a memorial or Christmas greeting**, please contact the Church office at 685-5258 or use the sign-up sheet at the front desk. The cost is \$12.00 each.

**A Congregational Meeting** for the election of officers has been scheduled directly after the worship service on **Sunday, December 6.**

Mark your calendars for our annual **Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13**, during worship. Stay tuned for more details... 



## Saturday, November 21

### First Federated Church

**8:30 — 12:30 In Fellowship Hall**

*"Being Thankful We Are Able To Give Hope & Give Life by Giving Blood."*

For an appointment, please call the church at 685-5258.



## "Hanging of the Greens" at FFC

The Deacons will start decorating on **Tuesday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m.** and finish up on **Saturday, November 28 starting at 10:00 a.m.**







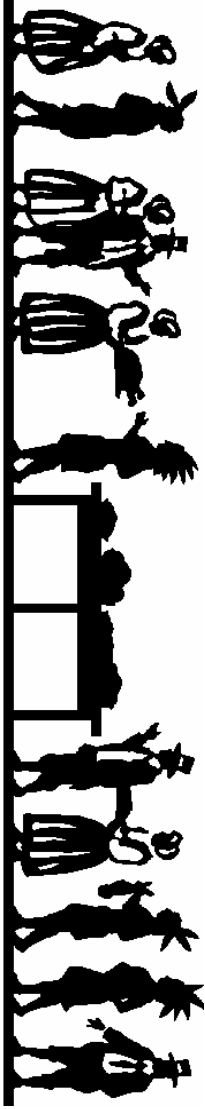
Volunteers would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Claudia Northrup.

# Thank You Note

*Thank you, FFC families, for supporting Mark again through the children's offering for JDRF. Your generosity means the world to us and we feel so blessed to be part of this church family.*

~ The VandeWiele Family

# November 2009 at First Federated Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b>  <i>Heritage Sunday</i> <i>New Member Reception</i> 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. 9:00 Spiritual Mentor Breakfast 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15 Christianity 202 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group 5:30 Sunday Supper Club</p>	<p><b>2</b> 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Building &amp; Grounds 7:00 Orpheus</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30 Missions</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 9:30 UCC IL Conference</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b> Trewyn Honor Roll Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:00 Jr. High Youth Group— Campout at the Predmores</p>
<p><b>8</b>  <i>Stewardship Dedication</i> 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15 Christianity 202</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Sr. Hights at Five Points Recreational Center in Washington</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <i>Veterans Day</i> 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 7:00 Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 Lifelink Info. Session 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> Trewyn Honor Roll Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15 Christianity 202 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Deadline for Life Together Articles</i></p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:00 Old Buddies at Bob Evans-Allen Rd. 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Finance</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 11:30 UCC Clergy 2:00 N. Peoria Women 7:00 Deacons</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:00 MOSAIC at Amy O'Brien's home 7:00 Executive Board 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Blood DRIVE</i> 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15 Christianity 202 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>23</b> 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study 1:00 Hanging of the Greens </p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:30 Clergy Bible Study</p>	<p><b>26</b> </p>	<p><b>27</b> Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:00 Hanging of the Greens </p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15 Christianity 202 5:00 Gingerbread House Decorating Party</p>	<p><b>30</b> 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus</p>					

## Church Renovations

Take a walk around the church. Over the last several months, there have been many volunteer hours put into sprucing up our building. Here are the highlights:

### Creation Station (2<sup>nd</sup> floor art workshop)

With a "God Created..." theme, this Sunday School room has freshly painted walls, bright *creative décor*, new storage unit & bins, and spruced-up, salvaged rolling dividers. Check out the ORANGE wall. Thanks to Angela Chihoski (an FFC friend) for the creative inspiration and donations!



### www.Kingdom.come (2<sup>nd</sup> floor computer lab)

With "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" theme, this Sunday School room's walls were painted and decorated with fun animal prints and some African cloths from the FFC auction. This room shows off faces and animals from FFC and around the world to make a statement that we're ALL part of God's world. Special thanks to Jeff Shelton for the African photographs!



### Restrooms (2<sup>nd</sup> floor outside of Fellowship Hall)

These two restrooms got a fresh coat of paint and new mirrors. Thanks to Billie & Chris Block for their painting work.

### Senior High Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

The Sr. High Youth Room is AWESOME... new carpet, freshly painted walls, vibrant pictures of our youth, fun lighting, and electronics area.



### Preschool Entrance, Stairwell & Rooms (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

A very needed facelift is currently in progress with stripped wallpaper, skim coating, and a fresh coat of paint. The metal railings will be painted in the near future. The Jack & Jill and Bo Peep rooms were also painted and had new flooring installed over the summer. What a fresh look!



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### First Federated Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Forrest "Frosty" Krummel	Senior Pastor
Rev. Daren Hofmann	Associate Pastor
Kim Snarr	Director of Children Ministries
Amy O'Brien	Director of Youth Ministries
Debbie Allen	Preschool Director
Tony Beal	Building Operations Manager
Lisa Hoepker	Administrative Assistant
Donna Biesinger	Administrative Secretary
Kirsten Hanson	Nursery Supervisor
Matt Allen	Computer Technician
Douglas Harridge	Interim Chancel Choir Director
Stephen Sieger	Interim Organist
Sarah Lock	Youth Choir Director
Megan Koch	Cherub Choir Co-Director
Colleen McNally	Cherub Choir Co-Director
Mary Delicath	Choir Section Leader
Karen Henderson	Choir Section Leader
Randy Sleeth	Choir Section Leader