



## *Garth Rededication* Sunday, November 6th



Inspiring Transformation



## WORLD MISSION UPDATE

Our mission partners in Mombasa (Wana Wa Mola--Children of God) discovered a group of boys living



among a community at a dumpsite in the city. Tired of being chased by police, begging and stealing, they have resorted to full-time survival by picking through the garbage dumped from lorries. The story of this forgotten people is pathetic and very emotional. Wana Wa Mola has reached out to a few of the most needy and brought them into the House of Jesus where they learn the principles, practices and precepts of Jesus, how to live in a community, and prepare for school. Others are being touched by



Wana Wa Mola's "Survivor's Den" ministry where basic needs are met as they, too, learn the principles of Jesus and await a place in the House of Jesus. This ministry was supported by our recent World Communion Sunday offering, by your continued support and prayers. More financial support is still needed. For more information or a copy of their most recent e-newsletter you may contact the church or visit our website.



◆ **GREETERS NEEDED** If you would like to serve FFC in a meaningful way, become a greeter on Sunday mornings! Greet old friends, meet new people, welcome visitors. The sign-up sheet is across from the reception desk or contact Kathy Allin.

◆ **FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALES ARE BACK!** The 2nd Sunday of each month, Fair Trade coffee from Café Campesino will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour for \$12/lb. Both regular and decaf in whole beans and ground are available. These purchases directly help the families who grow and harvest the coffee beans we enjoy here in the U.S. For more information, you can go to their website: [www.cafecampesino.com](http://www.cafecampesino.com).

◆ **SOUPER-BOWL SUNDAY** Save the date for Souper-Bowl Sunday! The Mission and Christian Education Committees are teaming up again to bring you a delectable competition to benefit the Midwest Food Bank. In addition to the luncheon, our members will have a chance to show off their culinary skills by entering the soup judging contest. Mark your calendars for **February 5, 2012**. More information and signup sheets will be available in the weeks to come.

## LEADERSHIP CONNECTION



*Please Meet*

**John Morris**

**John is Chair of the  
Finance Committee  
and has been a member here at  
First Federated for 17 years.**



# the Parent LINK

Children's Ministry Edition

## November 2011



First Federated Church of Peoria



## POWERSOURCE

### ASK GOD:

1. To help you recognize and nurture your children's talents and gifts.
2. To assure each of your children that God has made them special.
3. To show all family members how they can best use their gifts to glorify God.

## Be Grateful for God-Given Gifts

God has blessed each of us with traits, talents, and spiritual gifts that make us special. Just as we thank God for our material and physical blessings, we should also offer gratitude for our unique gifts and abilities.

As Thanksgiving approaches, take time to consider which spiritual gifts God has given each of your family members. Observe them as they interact with others and perform tasks. What excites and satisfies your kids? What challenges them or makes them proud? Offer choices and don't compare children's strengths or interests to other people's. Finally, provide varied opportunities for kids to use their gifts and to grow passionate about serving. Evaluate what they like best about each experience and why.

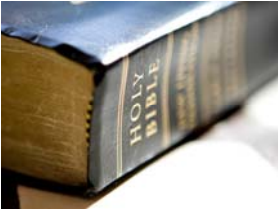
For a biblical primer on spiritual gifts, read passages such as Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; and Ephesians 4:11-16. Share some of these verses with your children and get their opinions about which gifts they think they have—or would like to develop.

### INSIGHTS

- 68% of Christians say they've heard of spiritual gifts.
- The most commonly claimed spiritual gifts are teaching (9%), service (8%), and faith (7%). The least commonly claimed spiritual gifts are leadership (2%) and evangelism (1%).
- Gifts people claim that aren't listed in Bible passages about spiritual gifts include singing, patience, happiness, creativity, and health.

(Barna Research Group)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Kim Snarr



"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ...Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Instead of burying our talents (see Matthew 25:14-30), we should be grateful for them and use them to serve God and other people.

### THIS MONTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Virtue:**

Gratitude

Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

**Memory Verse:**

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

*1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV*

**Basic Truth:**

I can trust God no matter what.

**Kids' Chapel Offering:**

to benefit Operation Christmas Child.

This month, our children's offering will support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.



### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INFORMATION

**Rehearsals:**

Sundays, November 27th, December 4th, & 11th  
Children of all ages are invited to join us as we rehearse music during Sunday school.

**Dress Rehearsal & Pizza Party:**

Saturday, December 17th - 10 am until noon

**Pageant:**

Sunday, December 18th during worship

### Annual Gingerbread House Party is Sunday, November 27th at 5:00 pm

Get a great start to the Advent season with your children or grandchildren at our annual Gingerbread House Party on November 27<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 see the sign-up sheet on the table across from the reception desk to sign-up so we know how many houses to bake and how much food to prepare. If you would like to volunteer, either baking or setup, please email Tracy Pogue at [tracylpogue@gmail.com](mailto:tracylpogue@gmail.com)

### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- 1. Variety Is the Spice of Life**—During family outings at museums, concerts, and sporting events, discuss the wide range of talents that people have. Emphasize that all gifts are special—and that the world would be boring if everyone excelled in the same areas.
- 2. Use 'Em or Lose 'Em**—After you help children identify their talents and spiritual gifts, help them put them into practice. Especially watch for ways kids can apply their gifts at church, such as singing in a children's choir, helping in the nursery, or preparing goodies for homebound members.
- 3. Thank the Giver**—During prayer times, encourage children to thank God not only for their physical blessings but also for their spiritual gifts. Ask God for wisdom to use the gifts in ways that honor him.



◆ **BOX TOP COLLECTION** Look on the top of your cereal boxes or other dry goods for the "Box Top for Education" coupons. By clipping these coupons and bringing them to church, Thomas Jefferson School can use the proceeds to purchase much needed supplies for the school. Your help in clipping these coupons is greatly appreciated. FFC recently delivered \$71 worth of "Box Tops for Education" to Thomas Jefferson School! Thank you for your contributions!

# YOUTH MINISTRY by Amy O'Brien

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2012 - JUNE 17TH - 23RD



### "I KNOW MY BIBLE"

Jr. High Sunday School 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
(Teachers: Amy O'Brien & Randy Sleeth)

Sr. High Sunday School 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
(Teacher: Joe Terry)

Sunday Mornings following the  
"Time With The Growing Church"

◆ **FOCUS:** First, putting all of the stories of Sunday School, worship, and Vacation Bible School back into the context of the Bible. Second, connecting our own lives to the Biblical story.

◆ **HERE'S OUR GOAL:** In two years, we would like any of our active youth to be able to claim they have the gist of the Bible, they know some important themes, and they can personally connect to a few stories or themes. To that end, it is desperately important that our youth are present to get the lesson and then the application.

◆ What a fantastic first month! Between the 2 classes we have seen 34 of our young people return to class. Consistent attendance helps to grow the group. Thank you!

### CONFIRMATION

#### Leadership Team:

Laura Kowalske	Robin Simpson
Carrie Wahlfeld	Amy O'Brien

#### Spiritual Mentor Team:

Tom Howard	Dave Hinrichsen,
Matt VandeWiele	Mike Verkuilen
Joyce Smith	Cynny Grimshaw

◆ **4 RETREATS:** This year we are offering Confirmation as 4 retreats. There are 3 remaining afternoon retreats (based on the FFC Purpose Statement) with Confirmation Sunday in June. The retreats are 11:30 AM - 4:00 p.m. They will begin and conclude in the north building.

Sunday, December 4th - Giving Experience

Sunday, January 15th - Fellowship Experience

Sunday, March 25th - Mission Experience

Sunday, June 3rd Confirmation Sunday

### JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

(6th Graders -8th Graders)

#### Leadership Team:

Anni Krummel (active learning)

Christina Schlicksup & Garrick Predmore (recreation)

Robin Simpson (food coordinator and family link)

Jill Koch (link to Children's Ministry)

- ◆ Meets twice a month
- ◆ Once a month the leadership team hosts the event.
- ◆ Once a month the Jr. High Families host the event.

Sunday, November 6th Jr. Highs 11:30 am -1:30 pm

Sunday, November 20th @ 11:30 am

### SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

(9th Graders - 12th Graders)

#### Leadership Team:

Becky Fanta

Sally Fenner

Tyler Ropp

Mike & Kim Predmore to participate once a month.


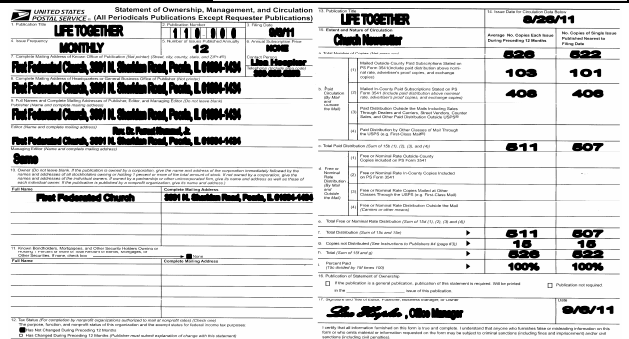
- ◆ Sr. Highs will continue with a similar pattern as last year.
- ◆ We will meet most Sundays. The timing of the event is dictated by the larger church calendar and the event we are doing.
- ◆ Please see Amy O'Brien if you are willing to coordinate an event.



### CHRISTMAS WREATH PICK-UP

The Senior Highs are selling Christmas Wreaths to raise funds for the 2012 Mission Trip. You may pick up your wreath following worship Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 4th.

# NOVEMBER 2011 AT FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Meeting  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Clergy Lectionary Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 10:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality	<b>5</b> 9 am Visitor's Breakfast
		<b>6</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship New Members Garth Rededication 11:30 am Jr. Highs 5:00 pm Sr. Highs 5:30 pm Sunday Supper Club	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 10:00 am Design & Decorating Committee 12:15 pm P.E.O. FB 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee 7:00 pm Orpheus Club	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  <i>LIFE TOGETHER DEADLINE</i> <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Clergy Lectionary Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 10:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 7 pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>13</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship Veteran's Day Celebration 11:15 am Fellowship Hour Fair Trade Coffee Sales 11:30 am Concert Rehearsal (set-up) 11:30 am Sr. Highs 3:00 pm Organ Concert	<b>14</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 7:00 pm Orpheus Club	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Old Buddies Breakfast 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Clergy Lectionary Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Board of Deacon's Meeting	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 6:00 pm Membership Committee 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Thanksgiving Sunday 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Hour 11:30 am Jr. Highs 5:00 pm Sr. Highs	<b>21</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Break 7:00 pm Orpheus Club	<b>22</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Break 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>23</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Break 8:30 am Clergy Lectionary Group 10:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>24</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Break Office Closed  	<b>25</b> Preschool Thanksgiving Break Office Closed	<b>26</b> The Book Club @ Apple's Bakery will meet December 3rd at 9:00 am
<b>27</b> 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 11:15 am Wreath Pick-up 11:15 am Fellowship Hour 5:00 pm Gingerbread House Party	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 11:30 am Gingerbread House Party 7:00 pm Orpheus Club	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  <i>BULLETIN DEADLINE</i>	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Clergy Lectionary Group 8:30 am Preschool Hospitality 10:00 am Staff Meeting	Below is a U.S. Postal Form that we are required to post yearly.		
						

## CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTION

### BLESSED ADDITIONS

Ralph & Cindy Schoen are the proud grandparents of Victoria Juliette Schoen was born at 1:56 p.m. Wednesday, October 5 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO. She is 8 pounds and 20 inches long. Her parents are Doug and Jenn Schoen.

### COMPLETED THIS PART OF LIFE

✚ Our prayers are with the **The Tyler Family** as they mourn the passing of Bonnie Tyler.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Dean & Betty Miller
- Ben Miller
- Betty Christopher
- Chris Dallmeyer
- Joe Chamberlain
- Dick Neumiller
- Arthur Siegle
- Louis Johnson
- Holly Angus
- Jack Clinton
- Emmett Jones

## WELCOME

◆ **VISITORS BREAKFAST** Have you have been visiting First Federated Church? Would be interested in learning more about who we are and what membership would mean for you? If so, we would like to invite you to a breakfast on **Saturday, November 5th at 9 AM**. You will have an opportunity to meet other families and individuals who are considering membership and have a lovely, family friendly breakfast as well. Please email or call me if you are interested in coming or if you have any questions about becoming a member of our church.

Rev. Hofmann [dhofmann@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:dhofmann@ffcpeoria.com) 309-685-5258

## FFC CLUBS AND GROUPS

◆ **SUNDAY SUPPER CLUB**, Sunday, November 6th at 5:30 pm in the Commons. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The program titled "INSIDE THE GATES" will be delivered by Dr. Richard MacDonald. JoAnne Richardson is Chairman.

◆ **PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP** meets each Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Memorial Lounge. All are welcome - any experience levels. Contact Alice Racine at maracine@comcast.net for more information.

◆ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is reading "Wisdom for Today's Woman: Insights From Esther" by Poppy Smith. They meet each Tuesday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am for fellowship and to share and grow in our faith. All women are invited. Books are available for \$7.00. Questions? Contact Susan Kirschbaum.

◆ **OLD BUDDIES BREAKFAST** The next gathering of the "Old Buddies" will be Tuesday, November 15th at 8 am at Bob Evans on Allen Road. No reservations needed.

◆ **FFC WOMEN'S CLUB**: The next meeting is a combined November / December Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at Noon in the Commons. Denise Adams will entertain all with a "A Christmas Musical Afternoon." Please feel free to bring a guest. Questions? Contact Susan Kirschbaum.

◆ **The BOOK CLUB @ APPLE'S BAKERY** will not meet in November. They will meet Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 am.

Do you have a group or committee meeting or birth announcement - the LIFE TOGETHER deadline is the 15th of each month.



Glimpse of Grace Rev. Dr. Forrest Kummel, Jr.

I recently read that the Internet is older than today's college freshmen. For them GPS has always been available; films have never been rated X but NC-17; IBM never made typewriters. Television sets never had dials and the World Wide Web has always existed.

Those are just a few of the findings on this year's Beloit College Mindset List. We live in a different world than our children or grandchildren. The realization that my reality is not the same as some of my colleagues hit home a few years back when I had coffee with a couple of buddies who happened to be attorneys. We were playing "Do you remember where you were?..." when I said I remember exactly where I was when I heard that President Kennedy had been shot. There was a stunned silence in the room. "What?!" I asked. Finally one of the attorneys said to me, "We weren't alive then. Wow!

We live in a different world. This is neither good nor bad. It just is.

Each generation of followers of Jesus have had the challenge of telling the good news of God's love for us in a constantly changing world in such a way that people could hear the story and respond to it. The challenge began on that first Pentecost over 2000 years ago. It continued in Athens as Paul spoke to a crowd about the "unseen" God they worship along with their pantheon of gods. It occurred with the advent of the printing press, radio, television and even the internet. It continues today.

If you look around your neighborhood as you drive to church on Sunday morning you will see that there are more people staying at home than joining you on your drive. If you talk to your neighbors you will discover that while they are spiritually hungry or seeking, Sunday morning has replaced Saturday as family time. This is neither good nor bad. It just is. Our challenge is to present the story of Jesus to people not where we wish they were, but where they are.

Handwritten signature of Forrest Kummel, Jr.



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WELCOME

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Director of Children's Music: Michael Schneider
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Nursery Available
Children & Youth Sunday School
(after Children's Message)