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Fall Fest

Sunday, October 19th
at Wildlife Prairie Park

3:00 p.m.: *Enjoy the park*

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.: *Gather in Prairie Hall for finger foods, punch, crafts and fellowship*

**6:00 p.m.: *Merry Park Train Ride* or
 7:00 p.m.: *Scary Park Train Ride***

**Cost: FFC Party - \$4.00
 General Admission - \$1.00
 Merry/Scary Train Ride Ticket - \$1.00**

We hope you can join the fun. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the reception desk. This event needs to be paid for in advance, so please make your check out to FFC and write Fall Fest in the memo section. Payment needs to be received by October 5th.

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For The Record

Birth:



John Preston Mizerany

Son of Julie & Steven Mizerany

Grandson of Debbie & Lynn Banta

Born September 16, 2008

The Church Triumphant:



Our condolences to **Heather & Mark Hanson and family** as they mourn Heather's grandfather, George Shaw, who completed this part of Life.



Our condolences to **Debbie & Tom Howard and family** as they mourn Debbie's brother, Doug McKay, who completed this part of Life.



Our condolences to **Kim & Jeri Kelley and family** as they mourn Kim's mother, Dorothy Kelley, who completed this part of Life.



Helen Kessler completed this part of Life on September 8, 2008.



Our condolences to **Pam Frankel Koh, Dee Frankel, and Becky Frankel Clayton** as they mourn Pam's husband, Mitsuteru, who completed this part of Life.



Our condolences to **Ann & Ray Williams and family** as they mourn Ann's father, Thomas Pearse, Jr., who completed this part of Life.

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

Celebration Sunday is September 28

Join us after worship for two great ways to "know each other" better ...

The "GREAT BANQUET" during Fellowship Hour



host Fellowship Hour.

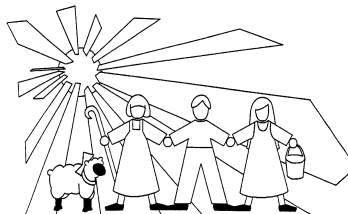
Sunday School children and Shepherds invite the congregation to their version of a "great banquet" (see Luke 14:15-24) as they

FFC's MINI DIABETES WALK

The congregation is also invited to join the children for a mini-diabetes walk following worship. The children will lead the congregation on a little outside walk from the Sanctuary to Fellowship Hour upstairs, where everyone will join in the "Great Banquet" the kids will have prepared. The Sunday School offering for September supports JDRF (*Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*) in honor of our own Mark VandeWiele who has had Type 1 diabetes since the age of 22 months.

Preschool News

Our preschool year has begun and, once again, we are blessed with wonderful children and families! We have a few remaining openings, and it's not too late to get started. There are several spots left in Bo-Peep Nurs-



ery School for three-year-olds and a few Friday openings in Mother's Day Out. Please contact Debbie Allen at 685-5258 for more information.

News Around The Church continued...

Nominating Committee Report

As the Nominating Committee prepares for their work, they would like your input. The committee is in the process of nominating individuals to the Executive Board, the Board of Deacons, a Clerk for the Congregation, and four representatives to the Nominating Committee.

Executive Board: This is a three year term of office. They are the "spiritual" leaders of the congregation. Individuals must be on the active membership roll. They need to be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian faith, both within the church and in the world. Members of the Executive Board serve on one of the congregation's standing committees.

Deacons: This is a three year term. Deacons are "the hands and heart of compassion" in a congregation. They are to be persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment. It is



their duty to minister to those in need, to the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. Members of the Board of Deacons are put in "teams" of three and assigned to visitation and care of the members of FFC in a particular geographical area.

Both boards meet monthly with the exception of July.

Clerk of the Congregation: This is a one year term. The Clerk of the Congregation records the actions of the congregation at their annual and called meetings.

Nominating Committee: This is a two year term. Members of the Nominating Committee are charged with the responsibility of submitting names to the congregation for the above offices, as well as when names are needed for a congregational search committee.

If you would like to nominate a church member, please e-mail the church (attn: Nominating Committee) at info@ffcpeoria.com or call us at 685-5258.

DOLLARS Financial Report - Operating Fund as of August 31, 2008



	Month-To-Date, August 2008	Year-To-Date, August 2008	2008 Budget
Receipts	\$ 36,529	\$ 538,818*	\$ 731,000
Disbursements	\$ 53,502	\$ 442,906	\$ 731,000
Net Total	\$ - 16,973	\$ 95,912	\$ 0

*Includes \$158,801 of prepaid pledges, 2007 carryover, and the annual Endowment transfer.

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

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



There is a collection box for the Box-Tops for Education on a table right inside the church's front door. Our goal is to collect 3000 labels

which will provide Thomas Jefferson with \$300 for their reading and extra curricular programs.

Have Any Ideas For The Christmas Offering Catalogue?



The Mission Committee is looking for organizations and ideas to support through this year's Christmas Offering Catalogue. If you have an organization you would like to put forward,

please have them write a two paragraph request and forward it to Marylee Bales (e-mail: mrylbls@aol.com).

Kids' Kingdom News

This Month In Kids' Kingdom Sunday School

Bible Story:

We'll be exploring what it means to worship God as part of the "Disciples WORSHIP Together" Big Idea series.

Kids' Mission: JDRF

Each month our children's offering will go towards a different mission. We would like to choose charities that have a connection to the kids and welcome suggestions from you or your child. Please contact Kim Snarr with questions or ideas at ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com or 685-5258.

World Communion Sunday is October 5th

Children in 3rd grade and up are invited to learn more about worship by remaining with their families in the Sanctuary for the entire service. Sunday School will still be available for preschool - 2nd graders.

Celebration Sunday



During Sunday School, children will spend the morning getting to know their shepherds better as they prepare a "great banquet" Fellowship Hour for the rest of the congregation.



Kids' Kingdom Choir
sings October 12th
during worship.

Youth Ministry News (5th - 12th Grades)

Confirmation (7th - 8th Grades)

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

- **October 5:** Confirmands will sit together in worship for our annual "World Communion Sunday" service.
- **October 12:** Frosty Krummel - guest teacher
- **October 19:** Sue Krummel - guest teacher
- **October 26:** Donna Haerr - guest teacher

P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E. Hour (5th - 12th Grades)

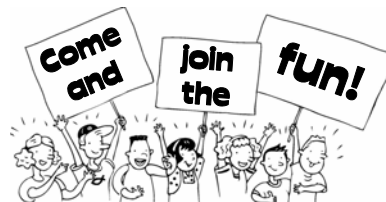
Meets on Sundays at
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor.

This has started off so well! Our youth have been playing pool, ping pong, and air hockey. We have several groups playing board games. Parents have been meeting the kids in this age group.

Spiritual Mentor Breakfast Kick-off

October 5th at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor

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



Youth Ministry News continued...

Jr. High & Sr. High Fellowships (6th - 12th Graders)

• October 19: Wildlife Prairie Park for Scary Park

Bring your family or catch a ride with another family. Get in the park before 4:00 p.m. to beat the Scary Park traffic. FFC will have a party from 4:00-6:00 in Prairie Hall. You may choose between taking the Merry Park train ride at 6:00 p.m. or the Scary ride at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$6/person for the entire event. Reservations and payments need to be made by October 5th. You may RSVP on the church sign-up sheet or by e-mail (aobrien@ffcpeoria.com).

• October 26: Leaf raking & church projects with Building & Grounds & Tony Beal



We will pitch-in and lend a hand at church. You may wear work clothes to church, stay for lunch, work as a team, and play some games. Lunch will be provided.

We will be done by 2:30.

Senior High News (9th - 12th Graders)

Sunday Mornings

Sr. Highs begin worship together in the balcony. Half of the Sundays each month they stay in worship, and the other half they exit after "Time With The Growing Church" for a Sr. High discussion on the 3rd floor.

- October 5: Worship with Kim McCormick
- October 12: Sunday School with Joe Terry
- October 19: Sunday School with Joe Terry
- October 26: Worship with Kim McCormick

Fellowship on Sunday Evenings

- October 5: 3-7 p.m. Tanner's Orchard—Meet at Amy O'Brien's house (2023 W. Casecreek Dr.) Hay-rack ride, one pumpkin, playground, & corn maze will be provided. Bring money for your own dinner, snacks, and drinks. \$10 is MORE than enough. We will return to Amy's house by 7 p.m.
- October 12: 5-7 p.m. Meet at FFC & bring \$3 for dinner.
- October 19: Combined Jr. & Sr. High event - see above
- October 26: Combined Jr. & Sr. High event - see above



Adult Christian Education

Christianity 101 (led by Rev. Frosty Krummel at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday - 2nd Floor Fireplace Room)

Continuing through October 19: *Christianity 101*

This class is a course on basic Christian beliefs about Jesus, the Bible, prayer, and the Church. Each

class begins by watching a short video and then moving into a time of discussion.

These Are The Names: Story And Tradition (led by Rev. Daren Hofmann at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday - 2nd Floor Fireplace Room)

Starting on October 5 and continuing through November 23: *These are the Names: Story and Tradition*

In the Hebrew Bible the books were named after the opening lines of the book. "These are the names..." is

the opening phrase of Exodus. This class is a Bible study of the opening chapters of Exodus as well as an exploration of story and tradition as foundations for faith.

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

Continuing through November 30: *The New Testament Community*

The lessons in this study session challenge us to look at ourselves as a community of believers. We consider the beginnings of a community, as well as the work and ministry of the community. The lessons cover



Bible passages from the Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles.

The Adult Bible Studies is a great way to learn more about the Bible, its applications in today's world, and impacts on our personal lives. 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 — you'll enjoy a time of *fellowship*, food, and FUN. The next breakfast will be on **October 21**. Reservations are not needed, just show up & enjoy!



Mothers' Club meets on Wednesday, October 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

Please join us for our next meeting at **12:30 p.m.** on October 22nd in the **Chapel**. For the program, Barbara Gurtler is going to share her mountain climbing experiences with us.

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, October 5th at 5:30 p.m.

"Sunday Supper Club" (previously called "Kupples Klub") has their first meeting of the '08-'09 year on October 5th at **5:30 p.m.** in the **Commons**. A potluck dinner will be followed by "A Scottish Duet" with *none other than*

Frosty Krummel and Glenn Sunderland (and their bagpipes, of course). Please **RSVP by Friday, October 3rd** by either calling the church (685-5258) or signing-up at the reception desk. 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

Disgrace by J.M. Coetzee
October 25th

Bee Keeper Apprentice by Laurie R. King
December 6th

Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer
January 24th

Thank You Notes



Thanks to all who helped with the Back-to-School Trewyn Pancake Breakfast. Our next pancake breakfast is scheduled for **Friday, November 14th**.

— Jim Stowell



Thanks to **Norm Meyn** for all his hard work leveling, seeding and fertilizing the empty lots where the houses were demolished.



Thanks to the **Craig Samuelson Family** for providing delicious coffee cakes for us to enjoy during Fellowship Hour.

Short Notes

A **Congregational Meeting** to approve the 2009 budget has been scheduled directly after the worship service on **Sunday, November 9**.

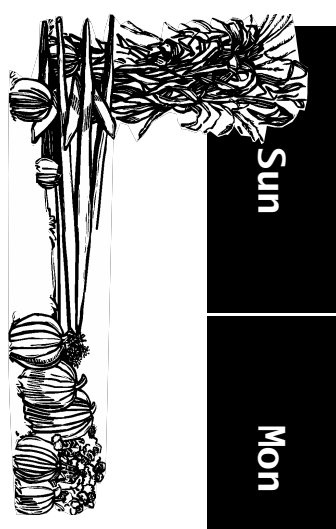





Coming soon...

Heritage Sunday
Sunday, November 2nd

Watch your Sunday bulletins for details.

October 2008 at First Federated Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5  9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 3:00 Sr. High Youth Group- Tanner's Apple Orchard 5:30 Sunday Supper Club	6 8:30 District 150 Screening 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Building & Grounds 7:00 Orpheus	7 4:30 Missions 7:00 Handbells	1 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 9:00 Church Mice 10:00 Yoga	2 5:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Choir	3 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	4 5:00 Wedding
12 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	13 No Preschool  5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus	14 7:00 Finance 7:00 Handbells	15 Deadline for Life Together Articles 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga 11:30 UCC HOI Cluster 2:00 N. Peoria Women 7:00 Deacons	16 6:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Executive Board 7:00 Choir	17	18
19 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 3:00 FALL FEST at Wildlife Prairie Park	20 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Endowment Committee 7:00 Orpheus	21 8:00 Old Buddies at Bob Evans-Allen Rd.	22 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 9:30 Presbytery of Great Rivers 10:00 Yoga 12:30 Mothers' Club	23 6:00 PEO 7:00 Choir	24	25 9:00 Women's Book Club at Apple's Bakery 3:00 Wedding 4:00-6:00 Lifelink Halloween Party
26 9:00 P.R.I.M.E. T.I.M.E. Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday School 11:15-2:30 Jr. & Sr. Highs - Leaf raking & church projects	27 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus	28	29 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga	30 7:00 Choir	31 Halloween 	

GLIMPSE OF GRACE. . . by Frosty

I have a friend who is a pastor in Houston. I hadn't heard from him since the hurricane. Recently he sent me an update on his condition and the condition of his city.

Our power just came back on this afternoon. It has been off for 8 days. Our neighborhood was hit hard as was the entire city of Houston and surrounding areas. Tree debris lines every road. None of the signal lights work.

Half of the city remains without power. But we were the lucky ones. Galveston is pretty much gone.

We still have a pine tree lying on our house and are hoping we are next in line with the tree company. The waiting line has been that long. We've got a huge ash tree covering half our back yard which thankfully only brushed the house. Jackson's room has flood damage and the moldy carpet must be replaced. We learned so much about our neighbors who were fantastically supportive during a very dreary week without power. We learned more about them last week than we did in the year before.*

The church is still without power

One of the interesting facts of life is that, while individuals may falter, more often than not, the Christian community grows stronger under hardship.

but we had a great service this morning (Sunday, September 21, 2008) in the fellowship hall with a Ghanaian Presbyterian Church that is hoping to use our facilities for their church's worship services. I think I bonded

with this congregation in this emergency. There are a lot of good things happening at the church. We have about 15 new members set to join soon. We have a new staff person, a young lady, who will start as our full time Director of Christian Formation tomorrow. Thanks for your prayerful support during what has been and still remains a tough journey for us and for this city.

I replied to his email saying in part that while I was saddened by the death and destruction, I was glad that he discovered his neighbors to be individuals of good character, that the congregation that he serves has grown more cohesive in the face of hardship and they are reaching out to Brothers and Sisters in Christ who are greatly different from themselves. I also got to thinking about something that the Apostle Paul said years ago. *I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be*

abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4: 11b-13) One of the interesting facts of life is that, while individuals may falter, more often than not, the Christian community grows stronger under hardship. When things are easy we become content, self-satisfied and, unfortunately, selfish. When things are hard though, we are reminded of the fragility of life and how dependent we truly are upon each other...and God. Whenever we can remember this simple fact, we truly catch a glimpse of God.

*Footnote: Jackson is my friend's small son.

**Addendum: FFC is one of a select number of congregations invited to participate in a U.S. Congregational Life survey. Every decade a select number of religious bodies are selected to participate in this "picture" of the state of religion in America. Surveys will be handed out during our worship service on World Communion Sunday, October 5. You may learn more about the survey by going to their web site: <http://www.uscongregations.org/>. We thank you for your cooperation.

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