



**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
at First Federated Church**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**This family event will include:**

- ☺ a trunk decoration contest
- ☺ crafts for the children
- ☺ dinner
- ☺ a grand costume parade



**Save this date. The entire family will enjoy.**

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# For The Record

## Baptism:



**Madeline Margaret Lawrence**

Daughter of Missi & Rob Lawrence  
 Granddaughter of B.J. & Hank Lawrence  
 Baptized on September 20, 2009

## Births:

**Christian Robert Pratt**

Grandson of Mary & Bob Pratt  
 Born August 25, 2009



**Ainslie Rose Razeghi**



Daughter of Cindy & Andrew Razeghi  
 Granddaughter of Marge & Arlyn Rubash  
 Born August 25, 2009



**William Owen Wooden**



Son of Ashley & Steve Wooden  
 Grandson of Donna & Ted Bantis  
 Great Grandson of Betty Jane Rapp  
 Born September 1, 2009

## The Church Triumphant:



**Don Livingston** completed this part of Life on September 18.



**Wayne Macomber** completed this part of Life on August 29.



**Helen Royster** completed this part of Life on September 1.



**George Shotick** completed this part of Life on September 16.

**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*

*Memorial Service*



*There will be a Memorial Service for Janet Baker-Schoff in the Activity Center at the Riverview Senior Living Community (500 Centennial Dr., East Peoria) on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.*

# News Around The Church

***We lift a light of Thanksgiving; For those who have passed their light to us.***



*We drink from wells we did not dig.  
 We live in cities we did not build.  
 We lift a light of Thanksgiving  
 For those who have  
 passed their light to us.*

(adapted from Deuteronomy 6: 10-12)

Helen Kessler was a long-time member of First Federated Church. She graduated from what was then Bradley Polytechnic Institute and Western Reserve School of Library Science. She married Richard Kessler in 1953, and while they did not have children of their own, children were always very dear to Helen. For many years she taught in our Sunday School department. She was a fixture on Sunday mornings. When ill-health and a fall kept her from attending church she enjoyed the frequent visits made by her various deacons and the church's pastors. She especially loved talking to Dr. Gillogly about ornithology.

Helen completed this part of life in her home on September 8 of last year. At some point in her life, she made future plans and included the ministry of First Federated Church in her last will and testament through an undesignated bequest. Because of her generosity and her love for children, a portion of her bequest was used to replace deteriorating flooring on the first floor of our Christian Education wing. The wing was dedicated in 1964 and over the years thousands of children have learned about the love of God through our Christian Education programs and our preschool programs. After 40 years some of the tile had become broken and other pieces came up because the original glue lost its adhesiveness.

Helen knew that the ministry of her church would continue long after she was gone. She wanted to be a part of that ministry. Whether she ever heard a sermon on the text from Deuteronomy quoted above, we do not know, but we do know that her legacy lives on through her generosity.

# News Around The Church continued...

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of First Congregational Church (From the Archive, by Barbara Meyn)



Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Peoria were united in one congregation long before the federation of the First Congregational and Second Presbyterian churches that created First Federated in 1937. On December 28, 1834, Congregationalists and Presby-

terians organized a church composed of predominantly New England Congregationalists, but it took the Presbyterian polity. It was known as the Main Street Presbyterian Church and later became First Congregational. Look for more about this remarkable fact of our history in the November newsletter.



## Have Your Picture Taken For The New Pictorial Directory

FFC is creating an up-to-date pictorial directory. Each Sunday during October, families are invited to have their pictures taken before or after church by our in-house photographers. You can sign-up for a time at the front desk.

Because we are undertaking this process in-house, pictures are only being taken for the directory, and no one will try to sell you a package deal. So sign-up and get your pictures in the new directory. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Daren Hofmann at 685-5258.

## Search Committee Has Been Formed For The Open Music Positions

A search committee has been formed by the Executive Board for the purpose of filling our open music positions. Members of the committee are Jack Koch (moderator), Elizabeth Allen, Karen Henderson, Ralph Schoen (Executive Board Vice Moderator and Modera-

tor of the Personnel Committee), Ben Sommer and Ann Williams. Pastors Krummel and Hofmann are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee and the Executive Board will keep you posted on the progress of their work.

## 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



## World Communion Sunday Special Offering

The Mission Committee has selected **Cornerstone Development** as the recipient of this year's World Communion Sunday Special Offering. Various members of the congregation have been busy raising funds to support this new initiative and ask you to add to those efforts on **October 4**. The offering and funds raised will enable Cornerstone Development to establish a home for street boys in Mombasa, Kenya. The street boys in this coastal African city will be given the opportunity to live in a safe environment, where they can learn from the teachings of Jesus Christ, receive an education, training, and become productive participants

in a modern Kenya.

As you arrive in church on Sunday, take time to notice the numerous national flags at the back of the Sanctuary. All of these nations, including Kenya, have been recipients of First Federated's commitment to spread the gospel and Christian generosity around the world. Join the work that has begun in this new Mission outreach.

Envelopes are enclosed with this newsletter and are also in the pew racks in church for the World Communion Sunday Special Offering.



## Thomas Jefferson's "Reading Buddy" Program

It's time to start up our **Reading Buddies** program with our Adopt-a-School partner, Thomas Jefferson. We will again be working with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students helping them to improve their reading skills. If we have enough volunteers, we will also be adding kindergarten Reading Buddies. Time commit-

ments per week vary from a 1/2 hour to 1 1/2 hours, in the mornings and afternoons. We need 15-20 more volunteers this year to cover all of the areas Thomas Jefferson has asked of us. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Anne Heppner at alohep@mchsi.com.

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

### This Month In Kids' Kingdom Sunday School

#### Bible Story:

*Abraham, Sarah, & Isaac's* experiences will be explored through joy, laughter, computers, and a journey like Abraham and Sarah.

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-6

#### Something to Remember:

"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14a)

#### Chapel Offering: to benefit FOTCOH

Our children's chapel offering will go towards monthly support of a child through *Friends of the Children of Haiti*. During Chapel Time, the children will choose the child they want to sponsor. Then we'll receive regular updates on this child through Shellie Coleman as she makes semi-annual trips to Haiti. We look forward to learning more about our sponsored child!

#### Attention 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

This year during Sunday School we will have monthly service opportunities *instead of* Starbright Theatre for all 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> graders. The hope is that you'll learn how to participate in the life of our church and the world beyond.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on World Communion Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
**ALL CHILDREN will worship with their families for the entire service.**  
 The Nursery WILL still be available.



### Children & Youth Music Details

**Cherub Choir** is for children from Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and meets in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

**Junior Chorus** is for students in 4<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grades and meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stage at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

### Upcoming Music Dates

October 4	BOTH Choirs sing
November 1	Junior Chorus sings
November 8	Cherub Choir sings
November 29	Fanfare Instrumental Ensemble plays
December 6	One of Choirs sings
December 13	Christmas Pageant
December 24	at 5:00 p.m. Both choirs & ensemble

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

### P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E. Hour (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

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

- **Junior Chorus** (see above)
- **Fanfare Instrumental Ensemble** is for Jr. & Sr. High students and will also be directed by Sarah Lock. Sarah will coordinate the ensemble practice schedule with the youth.
- **Guitar Gang** is for Jr. & Sr. High youth (with a few adults) and will be coordinated by Joe Terry. All skill levels with the guitar will be welcomed. The Guitar Gang will meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday during October-November & March-April in the Sr. High youth room.
- **Social Hour** is for Jr. & Sr. High youth who would like to be together before worship to just enjoy church friends before worship. Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.



### 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."

- **October 4:** Confirmands will carry flags for the annual "World Communion" service.
- **October 11:** Laura Kowalske
- **October 18:** Daren Hofmann - guest teacher
- **October 25:** John Morris - guest teacher

### Spiritual Mentor Breakfast Kick-off November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</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.

# Youth Ministry News continued...

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

- October 11:** The Home of Rand & Maddy Peterson - We'll gather in the chapel after worship at **11:30**, head to the Petersons, have lunch, enjoy the outdoors, & play. Pick-up will be at **2 p.m.** at the Peterson home. Bring \$3 for lunch.

- October 25:** 5-7 p.m. Fall Fest at the church



## Sr. High Mission Trip

**June 19 - 27, 2010**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

**\$50 deposit needed ASAP**

**Check counts as Reservation**

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

### Worship and 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**.

- October 4:** Worship with Todd Snarr
- October 11:** Class with Joe Terry
- October 18:** Worship with Todd Snarr
- October 25:** Class with Amy O'Brien

### Fellowship on Sunday Evenings

- October 4:** 5-7 p.m. "Simple Fitness" with Joe Terry  
Drop-off & pick-up at The Human Performance Lab (620 Outback Dr., Metamora, 367-2820. (Joe's business is only eight miles from the church. If you want to catch a ride with Amy O'Brien, feel free to call her.) Bring \$3 for dinner.
- October 18:** 5-7:30 p.m. "FFC Open" with James Fenner & Co. This is going to be a wonderful evening. We will begin the evening with a visit from an Indonesian missionary. We'll have dinner together. During the last hour, James will host an indoor mini-golf in the church. Bring \$3 for dinner.
- October 25:** 5-7 p.m. Fall Fest

# 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**.

## New! Women's Bible Study Group (meets Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge)

A new Women's Bible Study group is being formed. We will meet on **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge**. Anyone interested

is invited to join us. For further information contact Susan Kirschbaum or Barb Hein.

# 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 **October 20<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Mothers' Club** meets on **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**

Please join us for our next meeting at **12:30 p.m. on October 28<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel.** Carol Roderick, the Curator of Education at Glen Oak Zoo, will present "The New Zoo."

This intergenerational group of women invites any interested women to join them 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

"Sunday Supper Club" (previously called "Kupples Klub") has their first meeting of the '09-'10 year on **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons.** A potluck dinner will be followed by the program, "African Trip," by Dr. Fred

Hoy and Dr. John Nixon. Please **RSVP by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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**

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson  
October 24<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## Short Notes



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE** - Senior Highs are selling Christmas Wreaths. You may stop by the receptionist desk to sign up or call the church at 685-5258 with your order. Wreaths are **\$18.00 each or \$30.00 for two.** Last day to order wreaths is **October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Pick-up will be November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Coming soon...  
**Heritage Sunday**  
**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Watch your Sunday bulletins for details.



**October is Clergy Appreciation Month**



**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
We have the joy of **welcoming new members** into the life of our church on **All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>.** This is also the day we celebrate our church heritage so this is truly a Sunday to celebrate.

## Thank You Notes



Thank you so much for the prayers, thoughts, cards, and calls while I was recovering from surgery, as well as your expressions of sympathy after my father died. Your concern and thoughtfulness mean so much to me. ~ Lisa Hoepker



Thank you for the cards and prayers for my surgery. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. ~ Donna Biesinger



Thank you for the surprise and wonderful response to our Golden Wedding Anniversary. The response was beautiful and overwhelming. ~ Barb & Bob Gillogly



## GLIMPSE OF GRACE. . . by Frosty

Over the past several months many committees and groups in our church have been meeting away from our church building. Sometimes this has occurred because of necessity, other

times by plan. Committees have met in fast food joints near the church, in coffee shops, restaurants, and in

people's homes. I have found each of these gatherings to be quite encouraging, fun and full of glimpses of grace. Too often when people hear the word "church" they think of a particular building or place. But that is not how the Bible thought of a gathering of Jesus followers. The word we translate as "church" is a translation of the New Testament Greek word "ekklesia." *Ekklesia* is a hybrid of two different Greek words; "ek" which literally means "out" and "kaleo" which means "call." Literally

*We, the members and friends of First Federated Church, are "the church."*

the church is a "calling out."

I find it interesting that Jesus did not intend for his disciples to be stuck in a building. In His so called "Great Commission" He commanded

His followers to "Go and make disciples..." Earlier He sent out the "12" and the "70" to do the work that he did. It was by accident, not by intention that committees and groups began to meet outside of FFC. But their doing so fulfills our true calling.

This is not to say that buildings are not important. They are. They are launching pads, tools that we use to do ministry. Several years ago I knew a group of ministers and lay people who went on a trip to Brazil. They were visiting "sister" churches, kind of like the delegation did when they visited their "sister" city in Germany. In preparation for the trip their hosts requested that they bring

pictures of their churches. The Americans put together a scrapbook of the various member churches and gave it to their hosts. The hosts were a bit puzzled. They didn't understand. "These are your buildings," they said. "We wanted to see your 'churches;' your people." I got to thinking, our churches are not their buildings but the people who are launched from those buildings. Many a church has faced and survived the destruction of their edifice and come out the other side stronger.

We, the members and friends of First Federated Church, are "the church." As such, we are glimpses of God's grace. I like to think that whenever someone in our community sees us having a committee meeting at a *McDonald's* or at *Panache* or wherever, that they see not only a group of people, but a group of people aflame with the love of God.



The weekly electronic/e-newsletter **1stNEWS** is back on line. In this period of transition some addresses were lost. If you do not currently receive this weekly e-newsletter and would like to, please send an email to [fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com).

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