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Dear Members and Friends of First Federated Church,

This past summer has been a time of challenge and change at FFC. Since the last *Life Together* we have experienced several changes in our church staff. Our Chancel Choir Director, Wayne Macomber, became quite ill in June while on vacation in Europe. After having emergency surgery and spending several weeks in the hospital, he was air-cared back to the States. He is currently a patient at OSF and is on medical leave through January, 2010.

In July our organist resigned his position. In early August our Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Baker-Schoff completed this part of life. Also in August our Church Secretary, Donna Biesinger, had emergency surgery. As of this writing she is a patient at OSF. Our Financial Secretary, Lisa Hoepker, had major surgery in August as well. She is recuperating at home.

The Personnel Committee has addressed our current vacancies in a very responsible manner. In consultation with the moderator of the Worship Committee they have called Mr. Douglas Harridge to be an interim Chancel Choir Director. Mr. Harridge is a choral music teacher at Manual High School in District 150. He has wide church choral experience and has served as an interim choir director in the past. In the event that our Chancel Choir Director will not be able to return, the Personnel Committee will consult with the Worship Committee and the Executive Board in reviewing and filling the vacant position.

This fall the Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Worship Committee, will begin the process of securing a church organist. They are very encouraged by the support and advice they have received from the American Guild of Organists. We have had a great deal of assistance from the Peoria area music community in filling funeral, wedding and other worship responsibilities.

A member of the church has been secured to fill in for the church Secretary during her medical leave. Arrangements have been made with the Presbytery of Great Rivers to secure the services of their Financial Secretary to assist FFC while our Financial Secretary is on medical leave. Prior to her surgery, our Financial Secretary was able to meet with and review our procedures with the Financial Secretary of PGR.

The staff, Pastor Hofmann, Amy O'Brien and Kim Snarr, as well as volunteers in the church have stepped forward to fill in wherever needed.

As you can imagine, this has been an interesting few weeks. Through it all, though, we have been richly blessed in many ways. We appreciate and continue to ask for your prayers and support. Remember to say your prayers, never tire of doing good, take care and God bless,

Forrest "Frosty" Krummel, Jr.
Senior Pastor

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For The Record

Baptisms:

Ahmad Mayfield: Anni Krummel Mayfield & Jamal Mayfield,
Baptized August 9



Benjamin Gene Hampton: Son of Pete & Emily Hampton

Zhi Yu Kolmer: Daughter of John & Clarrisa Kolmer

Naomi Wren & Ava Wren Toraason: Daughters of
Hiram & Holly Toraason

All Baptized on August 23, 2009

Wedding:



Amy Christopher & Malcolm Barnes

were married on May 30th, 2009.

Daughter of Jim & Betty Christopher

Births:

Jack Stone

Grandson of

Hank & Sally Stone

Born August 17, 2009



Trista Marie Sitler

Daughter of

Nancy & Shawn Sitler

Great Granddaughter of

Richard & Mary Steveson

Born August 10, 2009



The Church Triumphant:



Our condolences to **Hank Stone** and family as they mourn Hank's sister, Anne Chapin, who completed this part of Life.



Our condolences to the family of **Robert Switzer**, who completed this part of Life on August 9.



Our condolences to the family of **Janet Baker-Schoff**, who completed this part of Life on August 2.

Please keep their families 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



Music Notes

The Chancel Choir will start with a Meet & Greet then rehearsal Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall and sing on the 6th. New members are always welcome. If interested, please call the church at 685-5258, or sign up at the front desk.

The Cherub Choir & Junior Chorus will start rehearsal on Sunday September 13th at 9 am in the Chapel & 2nd floor stage respectfully. Calling all preschoolers through 8th graders to join us for a new year. We're looking forward to a great year!

Introducing Douglas Harridge



Due to health reasons our Chancel Choir Director Wayne Macomber resigned his position effective August 31. We have employed the services of an interim Chancel Choir Director for the coming months. Mr. Douglas Harridge is currently the choral director at Manual High School, District 150. He has wide experience directing, conducting and producing both civic and religious choirs and orchestras. He received his BS in Music Education from Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago. Be sure to introduce yourself to Douglas after worship.



Financial Report - Operating Fund as of July 30, 2009

	<u>Year-To-Date, July 2009</u>	<u>Month-To-Date, July 2009</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>
Receipts	\$515,945*	\$ 77,467	\$ 791,612
Disbursements	\$458,198	\$ 80,864	

*Includes \$131,250 of prepaid pledges and 2008 carryover.

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. We collected 321 labels during the summer which will pro-



vide T.J. with \$32.10 for their reading and extra curricular programs. Thanks so much and remember to collect them!

Join in the fun on Sunday, September 13—

Following worship the Missions Committee and the Mombasa Task Force will host a special Mission Faire. Held in the upstairs Fellowship Hall, the Faire will include Bazaar items made by our members and friends. There will be knitted items from our knitters! There will be art and craft items of all kinds! In addition there will be chances to bid on a few items in a Silent Auction.

A meal will be provided, too. There will be a salad bar, sandwiches, and a cookie bar! Bring the entire family and have a great time. A free-will offering will be taken. No reservations are necessary and there will be plenty to eat! Any food that is extra will be donated to the South Side Mission.

The highlight of the event will be the Live Auction featuring our own auctioneer, Lynn Banta. There will be opportunities to win by bidding on wonderful vacation homes. You won't want to miss your chance to make your bid. All proceeds will be donated to the World Communion Sunday Special Offering benefitting the street boys in Mombasa, Kenya through our partner in Africa, Cornerstone Development.



Lakewood Ranch, FL



Los Cabos, Mexico



Beaver Creek Village, CO

Scrapbooking for a Cause

Saturday, September 12th

First Federated Church

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring your scrapbooking supplies (or your stamping, stitching or other craft supplies) and spend the day enjoying your favorite hobby while surrounded by friends, food and fun! What could be better?!

We will begin the day at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. In between, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a delightful lunch, a shoulder and neck massage, snacks throughout the day, and shopping at a scrapbook/stamping "store". You might even win a door prize!

Plan now to join us for this fun event! we'd appreciate your reservation by September 9th



Books for Missions from Ginny Thomas, Missions Committee

USED DEVOTIONALS: Dear members, Many thanks for turning in your used devotionals. They are delivered to the Berean Bible Ministry on a quarterly basis. The folks in charge there tell me they never find them in the prison waste baskets. We know they're appreciated.

BOOKS FOR MISSIONS: It's that time of year again. We're going through the things we've accumulated over the past year, and we question "what can I do to have less clutter". Thinking "Downsize" is a good idea, now and then, whatever your age may be. For those of you who have books that you have read, and no longer need, remember the plastic tubs in the coat room near the Florence Street entrance are there waiting for your contributions. Periodically the books are delivered to the homeless shelters here in Peoria. All are appreciated.

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

Bible Dedication is
September 27th!



All Preschoolers and
3rd graders will receive
Bibles during worship.

THIS MONTH IN KIDS' KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Bible story: *The Great Commandment*

will be explored through music, art, and missions. Children will learn a song for singing in worship; make pillowcases to remind them to love God and others when they lie down and when they awake; and make Christmas cards that the missions committee will use for the Christmas catalog.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 22:34-40

Something to Remember:

[Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Chapel Offering: to benefit JDRF

Our children's offering will support *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation* during the month of September. After worship on September 20th, we'll again have a mini-Diabetes Walk in honor of our own Mark VandeWiele. Children will lead the congregation on a walk out of the sanctuary and up to Fellowship Hour.

Clean out those kids' closets and toy boxes!

Then drop off your clean & gently used

kids' clothing & toys for our

Kid Stuff RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, August 29th

9:00 a.m. — noon at First Federated Church

- Bring items to our church anytime before August 23rd. Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- We will arrange toys and clothing separately by the following price points: 25¢, \$1, \$5, \$10, and up.
- Please have all your items clean, separated into bags, and labeled on the bag by these price points. We will do the individual pricing of items. Just try to group similarly priced items together.

All proceeds will go toward developing a pilot program in Mombassa, Kenya, to provide shelter, education, training, and a future for the street boys of the city through an organization called the Cornerstone Development.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MUSIC DETAILS

The year ahead will have some exciting opportunities for all students interested in music...



Cherub Choir is for children from Pre-school through 3rd grade and will be directed by Colleen McNally and Megan Koch in the Chapel.

Junior Chorus is for students in 4th—8th grades and will be directed by Sarah Lock on the 2nd floor stage.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

All rehearsals for the Cherub Choir and Junior Chorus will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. The Fanfare Ensemble will have occasional rehearsals to be set up as needed by Sarah.

MEET SARAH LOCK

Sarah is a sophomore Bradley student from Farmington who is majoring in Music Education. She's has many years of music experience and looks forward to directing the Junior Chorus and Fanfare instrumental group.



FIRST STEP ORIENTATION Sunday, August 30th

All Preschoolers new to Preschool Palace and Kindergartners new to Rotation Sunday School plus their families are encouraged to attend our First Step Orientation before the start of a new school year.

"Get-to-Know-You" Sunday — August 30th

Shepherds and children will spend time getting to know each other better with some fun, faith-filled activities during Sunday School.

Youth Ministry News (6th - 12th Grades) by Amy O'Brien

"Welcome to a new program year at FFC. It is our desire to offer programming that assists families in forming the spirit of their children, in developing a faith in God, and in following the ways of Jesus Christ as they live their life. We look forward to this year together!"

6th graders continue in the Sunday School program on Sunday mornings. They are now the oldest in the Sunday School rotation and they are role models for our younger kids. They are invited to Jr. High Youth Fellowship.

7th and 8th graders explore deeper issues of faith and move towards Confirmation in the spring of their 8th grade year.

9th-12th graders are offered a Sunday morning program that incorporates worship and relevant class discussions.

It is our desire for the youth to be engaged on Sunday morning with worshipful and educational opportunities. With that groundwork laid, we then offer our 2 fellowship groups that allow for our youth to socialize with each other and put into practice the knowledge they gain from Sunday morning experiences. It is our deep desire as a community of faith, to assist families in the spiritual development of young people, so that by the time they graduate from high school we are sending young people into the world.... faithfully equipped to live life....and we're having a lot of fun doing it! Want to join us in this bold endeavor?"

— Amy O'Brien, Director of Youth Ministries

P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E. Hour Opportunities: Sundays 9-10 a.m.

- **Junior Chorus**— 4th-8th w/ Sarah Lock on 2nd floor stage.
- **Guitar Gang w/ Joe Terry**—Jr. and Sr. High youth. All guitar skill levels welcome. Meet @ 9am October-November & then March-April in Sr. High room.
- **Social Hour**—Youth are encouraged to come to church early, socialize with their church friends, meet with their spiritual mentor, play games, and listen to music.
- **Fanfare Instrumental Ensemble** is for junior and senior high students. Sarah Lock will direct and coordinate their schedule.

Confirmation 7-8th grade



Begins: Sept. 13

Where: 3rd floor

When: Following "The Time With the Growing Church"

Why: To guide our 7th & 8th graders towards their commitment to God through confirming their faith.

Junior High Activities 6-8th grade

Sept 6-7 Grand Bear Lodge

Sept 13—"Fall Fiesta" w/ Becky Fanta & Amy O'Brien 4-6:30. Taco Bar, Games, & Fun! Meet on the 3rd floor. Bring \$3 for dinner. We need a family to assist the event. Contact Amy O'Brien.

Senior High News (9th - 12th Graders)

Sr. High Sunday School—Meet Todd Snarr or Joe Terry in the sanctuary (balcony) at the beginning of worship. We will then either stay for worship or head to the Sr. High room for class.

Sept 6—Worship then off to **Grand Bear Lodge**.

Sept 13—"Kick-Off Car Wash!" w/Todd Snarr, Amy O'Brien & Carol Sleeth. Join us at 9:30 to get ready. On Father's Day we handed out coupons to be redeemed. Donations for Mission Trip 2010 will be accepted for additional washes.

Sept 20—Discussion w/Joe Terry

Sept 27—Discussion w/ Amy O'Brien

Sr. High Youth Fellowship

Sept. 6-7 Grand Bear Lodge

Sept. 13 Car Wash in morning

Sept 20—Graffiti the 3rd floor bathroom & make pennants to represent our 10 high schools

Sept 27—"Crazy Kitchen Cook-off w/ Cameron McCormick!" Join us in the kitchen. Cameron is going to surprise each group with ingredients, we'll have to come up with dinner!

If you know your plans for the events, drop Amy a quick line at aobrien@ffcpeoria.com. Other youth like to know who's coming. Thanks!

Food For Thought: As the Sunday morning attendance increases, as the youth engage in worship, as Biblical knowledge grows..... then the fellowship experiences can focus on the social development of our youth. But without the nourishment of worship and education, the social activities become like dessert without the balanced meal.

Social Groups continued



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

M.O.S.A.I.C. (Mothers of school-aged and infant children... and whoever else would like to come) will continue in 2010 by meeting monthly. Monthly hosts sign up to organize/plan the event and we enjoy different activities each month, from dinner outs to an evening at Fired Up! to listening to a speaker to a cooking or a yoga class... wherever the imagination of that month's hostess takes us!! So, if you have yet to join us, please do!! And, if you would like to sign up to host a month, contact Jennifer.

Please send your contact information to Jennifer VandeWiele at vandewiele97@comcast.net to be added to the email list and then watch the bulletin and newsletter and your email for the monthly plans. We look for-

ward to enjoying your company!!

September 22nd M.O.S.A.I.C. meeting 6:30– hosted by Sarah Hoffman. Come for dinner at Jalapeno's Mexican Restaurant in the Metro Center. Come for dinner and fellowship and share a favorite Mommy tip or tricks.

M.O.S.A.I.C. is now on Facebook! The Facebook URL is listed below, but the site should also be able to be found by searching for: MOSAIC of First Federated Church.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115085771649>

If you still have trouble finding the site, please contact Donna Forbis at donna@playinpeoria.com.



Mothers' Club

No one has to be a mother to join Mothers' Club. It is such a warm and friendly group of ladies who are always happy to welcome a new member. The programs will vary from **September** - "Getting reacquainted", bring something for show and tell. **October** - The New Zoo, the Curator of Education will speak. The annual Christmas Musical will be our Dec. 2 choice and in January, Joy Rennich

will bring her "Kayaking" program. Another travel program in March, April - Myths & Truths in Medical Statistics by Dr. Don Crane and in May a musical program.

Special request: Barb Meyn, Chair of FFC Archive Committee, is looking for Mothers' Club booklets and/or scrapbooks for years prior to 1980.



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

The Pact: A Love Story by Jodi Picoult
September 26th

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
October 24th

Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
December 5

News Around The Church continued...

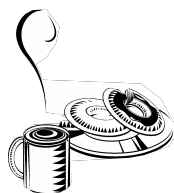


"Interesting People"

Watch Frosty's television interview as featured guest for "Interesting People" with host, Ed Sutkowski.

When: **Friday, September, 11th 2009** on Channel 47.2 at 8:00 PM.

"Interesting People" is a WTVP 47 PBS Program Series originating in Peoria.



BACK-to-SCHOOL BAGELS

Monday, September 14


Friday, September 18

9:00 a.m. in the Commons at FFC

We need FFC members to help welcome our preschool families back-to-school. Show your hospitality by greeting parents after they drop their children off at their classroom. Meet in the Commons for a little social time.

Call Kim Snarr at 685-5258 with questions on how you can help.

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 <i>Communion</i> 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Congregational Meeting Jr. & Sr. High to Grand Bear Lodge	7  Church Office Closed Grand Bear Lodge	8 9:00 Pre-school starts 5:00 TOPS	9 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga 6:00 Deacon Picnic 7:00 MDO Parent Orientation	10 7:00 Choir	11 8:00 Watch Frosty on Ch. 47 "Interesting People"	12 9-5 Mombassa Scrapbooking
13 9:00 Kick-off Car Wash 9:00 P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E Hour 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:00 Worship, Sunday school 11:00 Mission Faire	14 9:00 Back-to-school Bagels 5:00 TOPS	15 8:00 Old Buddies at Bob Evans-Allen Rd. 9:00 Back-to-school Bagels 7:00 Finance	16 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 9:00 Back-to-school Bagels 10:00 Yoga 12-2 Reading Buddies sign-up Luncheon	17 Deadline for Life Together Articles 9:00 Back-to-school Bagels 7:00 Executive Board 7:00 Choir	18 9:00 Back-to-school Bagels	19
20 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday school 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	21 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus Club	22 6:30 MOSAIC @ Jalapeno's	23 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga 12:30 Mothers Club	24 7:00 Choir	25 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	26 9:00 a.m. Women's Book Club at Apple's Bakery 4:00 Wedding
27 <i>Bible Dedication</i> 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:00 P.R.I.M.E.T.I.M.E Hour 10:00 Worship, Sunday school 11:15 Christianity 202 5:00 Sr. High Youth Group	28 5:15 TOPS 7:00 Orpheus Club	29	30 8:30 Clergy Bible Study 10:00 Yoga			

Adult Christian Education

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



Bible leaders building the faith of followers

September 6 through November 29

The lessons center around Old and New Testament people who helped guide believers in their faith. We will discuss bible lessons from Joshua, Judges, Nehemiah, Mark, and Letters from Peter. Each lesson is a stand alone lesson, please come join us any Sunday.

Led by Rev. Daren Hofmann

Christianity 101 will begin Sunday September 13th at 9:00 A.M. in the 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 begins again starting Sunday September 27th after church. This is the second half of Christianity 201 and we will pick up on chapter 11 of Shirley Guthrie's Christian Doctrine. If you would like to join this class, feel free to pick up the book from amazon.com and meet us in the Bride's Lounge.

Retirement Living Tours



Plans move forward with an upcoming visit to area Retirement communities. Save the date, Tuesday September 22nd. We will be visiting two distinctively different communities. We will begin in the morning, lunch will be included and we will finish in the afternoon. You can sign up at the front desk for this specific date. More information about exact times will be in the Home Edition. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Thomas or talk with Rev. Daren Hofmann.

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Book Study – “The Shack”



Join Rev. Krummel for a two night discussion on William P. Young's novel, “The Shack”. Read the book (if you have not already) and come join with others on Sunday, September 20th and 27th from 6-7:15 at the church. Come and enjoy an intriguing book and lively discussion.

Pictorial Directory



*Is your picture in the directory?
Can you recognize the youth of the church?*

If you answered no to either of these questions don't fret, we are here to help!

The Church will be compiling a new pictorial directory. Sign up begins September 13th!

Photos taken by Norm Meyn and Sally Fenner, October 4, 11, 18, & 25th, and November 1, & 8th!

Norm and Sally are committed to getting over 80% of our members in the directory.

Help them reach this goal!