



Life Together

First Federated Church of Peoria

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NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

- ❖ Portrait session reservations will begin in early July.
 - The On-line website will go "LIVE" on July 1st for photo session registration.
 - Sunday morning photo session registration will begin Sunday, July 9th with 2 registration times: 9:00 to 10:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the reception desk.
 - Beginning July 11th you may call the office for help with registration, 309-685-5258, X-10.

❖ Portrait sessions will begin in early August - check your calendars for the following dates and times!

- Weekdays - August 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 15th, 16th and 17th from 2:00 to 9:00 pm
- Saturday - August 5th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS

❖ We will need Hosts and Hostesses to greet and check-in people at each of the portrait sessions.

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- Saturday - August 5th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

LOOK FOR COUPONS & SPECIAL OFFERS

❖ In the coming weeks we will be handing out Lifetouch bags containing mission opportunities, coupons & special offers you can use toward portrait purchases to those who have registered for a photo session!

Have your date book handy and use this QR code with your smart phone or tablet to register for you photo session!



2017 VBS
JULY 16TH - 20TH
5:30 TO 8:00 PM



2 VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS SHOULD ATTEND ONE OF THESE TWO MEETINGS IN THE COMMONS.

Wednesday, July 5th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
OR

Thursday, July 6th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Please contact Kristen D'Alfonso through the church at 309-685-5258 if you cannot attend.

VBS SET-UP AND DECORATING

Are you interested in helping with helping set up/decorate for VBS at the Life Together Center decorating?

Mark your calendar: Thursday, July 13th 5:00-8:00 pm
Friday, July 14th 5:00-8:00 pm

Please contact Kristen D'Alfonso through the church at 309-685-5258 if you would like to help.



STILL TIME TO REGISTER:
Use this QR code with your smart phone or tablet to register.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Email your article to the church by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

CONTACT US

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OFFICE HOURS

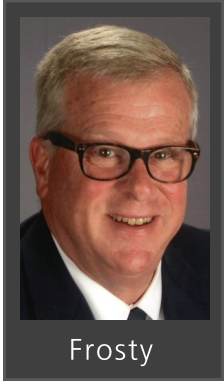
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am Chapel Service
10:00 am Sanctuary Service

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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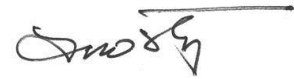
I recently completed a four mile "race". I put "race" in quotation marks because I am far from competitive. For me, it is not a "race" but an act of self-discipline.

I participate in this event nearly every year and I tell people that last 5,280 feet are a real challenge! The only way that I can get to the end is to constantly tell myself not to quit and simply take one more step.

I believe that that is what a life of discipleship is like: taking one more step, going one more day. The disciples asked the Risen Lord if He was about to restore Israel's kingdom. They didn't yet understand that the restoration of Israel's kingdom was not on God's agenda. Rather, God was going to do a new thing; you know, a new wine and new wineskins sort of thing.

Jesus answered their question saying that we don't need to know what God is doing next. But, and this was a very big "but," strength will be given as it is needed. In John's gospel, Jesus said that followers of Jesus would be given a "helper," the Holy Spirit.

What was for the disciples to know, though, and for us to know, is that we are called to tell others of God's saving love, and how our lives are different because we take Jesus seriously. We are to be constant witnesses in word and deed until we cross the finish line from this Reality into the Next.



Good Bye Kristen

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my resignation from my position as Sunday School Coordinator at First Federated Church effective July 23rd. I feel tremendously blessed to have spent the last 4 years at First Federated, from working with our children and families to getting to know so many congregants personally. As many of you know, I have a background in education and spent many years as a teacher prior to working at FFC. Coinciding with my youngest child heading to school full-time, I have accepted a position in Morton Community School District as its Elementary RTL Coordinator (see me in church for an explanation of what I will be doing!) There are so many aspects of children's ministry that I will miss, but I look forward

to worshipping in church with my family on Sundays. I want to personally thank each of you for your support of children's ministry, from donations, to volunteer hours, to simple words of encouragement. We are truly a family at First Federated, and I grateful to be a part of it. I am looking forward to an exciting VBS this July, after which I will be moving on to my new position. Thank you again for your support of our children's ministry over the past four years!

Grace and Peace,



Kristen



Kristen

FFC RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having our annual Rummage Sale on August 18th & 19th to benefit the Missions of FFC.

We will be collecting women's, men's & children's clothing, housewares, toys, books, tools, holiday items, furniture, linens, sports equipment, all music items, artwork.

NEW THIS YEAR! We'll be having an **"Antique Corner!"** Bring in those antiques and we will feature them in a special area of the sale! Remember! All proceeds go to the Mission concerns of FFC.

Please no televisions, computers, printers, encyclopedias or magazines.

Official rummage collection will begin on July 21st! If you're unable to wait until July 21st to donate, call Susi Butler as we have some limited storage space. You may reach Susi through the church at 309-685-5258.



OUR ONGOING FFC MISSIONS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

- The collection box is across from the reception desk.
- The Box Tops are delivered to Thomas Jefferson School.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

- Canned goods and personal care items are always needed; see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.

THE CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE

- Personal care items, snack items, etc. Please see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.

OUR SNACK PROGRAM FOR WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

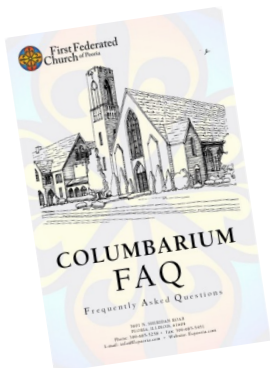
- First Day of school is August 16th, a couple of weeks to get classes organized and we will get started!

FFC's Columbarium

A columbarium is described as the respectful resting place of cinerary urns containing cremated remains.

Our FFC Columbarium is located adjacent to the sanctuary wall on the Sheridan Road side of the church. A niche or niches may be purchased by members of First Federated Church for themselves and/or their families. For more information please pick up a copy of the Columbarium FAQ brochure or call the church office at 309-685-5258.

Abel Vault, our exclusive inurnment service provider, has recently had a cost increase for materials and labor. Copies of the new cost list are available upon request to the church office.



Saturday, July 1st

Youth Mission Trip Returns
 Pictorial Directory sign-up website goes "Live" →



Sun Jul 2, 2017

8:00 am Worship, Chapel
 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 am Fellowship, Commons
 No FFC Softball - Holiday Weekend

Monday, July 3rd

12:45 pm "Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room

Tuesday, July 4th - Happy Independence Day

FFC Office Closed
 FFC Preschool Closed

Wednesday, July 5th

6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting, Commons

Thursday, July 6th

6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting, Commons

Friday, July 7th

Saturday, July 8th

Sunday, July 9th

8:00 am Worship, Chapel
 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 am Fellowship, Commons
 Pictorial Directory Session Sign-up
 Boulton Open House Wedding Reception, Great Hall
 11:15 am FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium, S-4



Monday, July 10th

VBS Set-Up, Life Together Center
 12:45 pm "Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room
 6:00pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, Boardroom

Tuesday, July 11th

VBS Set-Up, Life Together Center

Wednesday, July 12th

VBS Set-Up, Life Together Center
 6:30 pm FFC Executive Board Meeting, Boardroom
 7:00pm FFC Board of Deacon's Meeting, Trinity Room

Thursday, July 13th

5:00 pm VBS Set-Up, Life Together Center

Friday, July 14th

5:00 pm VBS Set-Up, Life Together Center

Saturday, July 15th

Sunday, July 16th

8:00 am Worship, Chapel
 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 am Fellowship, Commons
 Pictorial Directory Session Sign-up
 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory, Life Together Center
 7:00pm FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium, S-4



Monday, July 17th

VBS Prep, Life Together Center
 12:45 pm "Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room
 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory, Life Together Center

Tuesday, July 18th

VBS Prep, Life Together Center
 8:30 am Old Buddies Breakfast, Lutheran Hillside Village, Private Dining room
 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory, Life Together Center

Wednesday, July 19th

VBS Prep, Life Together Center
 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory, Life Together Center

Thursday, July 20th

5:30 pm Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory, Life Together Center

Friday, July 21st

9:00 am Rummage Sale Collection, Central Room



Saturday, July 22nd

10:00 am The FFC Book Club, Peoria Public Library North Branch

Sunday, July 23rd

8:00 am Worship, Chapel
 9:00 am Rummage Sale Collection, Central Room
 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 am Fellowship, Commons
 Pictorial Directory Session Sign-up
 4:00 pm FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium, S-4



Monday, July 24th

12:45 pm "Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room

Tuesday, July 25th

Wednesday, July 26th

Thursday, July 27th

Friday, July 28th

9:00 am Rummage Sale Collection, Central Room



Saturday, July 29th

Young Families BBQ - Time TBD

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 am Worship, Chapel
 9:00 am Rummage Sale Collection, Central Room
 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 am Fellowship, Commons
 7:00 pm FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium, S-4

Monday, July 31st

12:45 pm "Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room

COMING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool – 5th Grade

- Sunday, July 2nd: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)
- Sunday, July 11th: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)
- Sunday, June 16th: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)
- Sunday, July 23rd: Vegie Tales

Junior & Senior Highs (6th - 12th Grades)

In July - Remain in worship to worship with your families.

Senior Highs (9th - 12th Grades)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP RETURNS JULY 1ST

- Mission Trip Location: Loveland, Colorado.
- Return: Saturday, July 1st, around 10:00 pm to the church parking lot.
- Email questions to zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com or use this link to visit the website.

"BELIEVE" - A BIBLE STUDY

- Mondays, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center

MEDITATION GROUP

- Currently on Summer hiatus until September.
- Questions? Call Ann Voll, 692-1781, or email avoll@comcast.net

"OFF CAMPUS" BIBLE STUDIES

- Independence Village Bible Study
- Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study

Currently on Summer Hiatus - will resume Thursday, September 7th.

For August!



**SAVE THE DATE!
BACKPACK BLESSING**

- Sunday, August 20th
- 10:00 am worship

**AUGUST IS
FAMILY WORSHIP
MONTH**

- No Sunday school, children worship with their families.

The Preschools at FFC

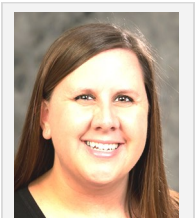
Director, Kathie Harms ☎309-685-5258, x.18 📧kharms@ffcpeoria.com



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE
2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR**



*Current Programming: Part Day & Full Day options for ages 2 to 5.
FFC Members receive a discount on Preschool tuition.*



Kathie Harms



SUMMER CAMP!

- Our Summer Camps offer activities for ages 2 years old to 10 years to keep your child active, learning, and entertained.
- Our Summer Camps is closed for the 4th of July and will end on Friday, July 28th.
- If you are interested in FFC Summer Camps please use this QR code to visit our website.
- Pricing information and a registration form are available as downloads.
- Spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis. We will enroll until we are full.
- If you have any questions please contact Kathie at 309-685-5258, X-18 or kharms@ffcpeoria.com.





Join Us for our Open House

July 9th, 2017 • 11:15 am to 5:00 pm
Great Hall, Life Together Center



Many have asked after our registration seeking to buy at its location. But we young adults have a frustration: too many things without proper station. We hope you can help us accomplish our wishes, rather than acquire more sets of dishes. Help us afford bouncing baby Boultons, instead of more hot pads, crockpots, or curtains. With your donation we can achieve strong, long-term goals beyond household niceties. We appreciate your support and love, and for the many blessings both here and from above.

*Thank You,
Russel and Emma Boulton*

Worship & Music Director, Russel Boulton ☎ 309-685-5258, x.14 📧 rboulton@ffcpeoria.com

Music Ministry

MEMBERS OF THE PEORIA BRASS CHOIR

SUNDAY, JULY 2

- Features a guest ensemble helping us worship and providing some Patriotic Music just before Independence Day. Trumpets Andy Tinsman and Paige Tinsman; Horn Justin Johnson; Trombones Michael Archer and David Gerber; and Guest Organist Walter Stout are all members of the Peoria Brass Choir. They will play before the service and support all of the music during the service. Please, come and enjoy their wonderful talents.

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

- Russel's Aunt, Donal Meeks, will be present to sing one of her originals and offer her voice in support of our hymns and praise. Her powerful voice and charm will leave you dazzled and uplifted.
- Come and hear!

VBS REMINDER

- Remember- Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. Kids- be working on those fun, uplifting, faith-filled tunes and motions! Let's have some fun and share our praise!

Volunteering Time and Talent

SIGN-UP FOR SUNDAY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Would you consider serving?
Greeters, Ushers, Fellowship Hour Host
Or Fellowship Hour Sponsor
Questions? Call the church office at
309-685-5258.



Use this QR code with your smart phone! All are welcome.
At the website simply scroll down the list of dates, sign up for 1 or many, we love having your involvement!

Pastoral Care ~ Prayer Ministry

PRAYERS, PASTORAL CALLS, HOSPITAL VISITS OR HOME COMMUNION Give the office a call at 685-5258

If you or others you know are in need of pastoral care or support, please contact the church office.

If you are admitted to an area hospital don't forget to mention to admitting that you are with First Federated Church.

Communion served at your home? Please call the church and we will arrange for either Rev. Krummel, Rev. Lysdahl or Rev. Barch to come to your home.



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SAVE THE DATES . . .

PASSPORT TO HOPE

Missions Committee Fall Fundraiser

Friday, October 20th

FFC's Life Together Center

PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, August 6th, 9:00 am

Bride's Lounge, 2nd floor

Anyone interested in volunteering is
welcome to attend!



Plan **NOW** to become a part of our *LIFE TOGETHER* !



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