



Our Life Together

As We Make Disciples Through . . .



Worship,
as we praise and glorify God.



Missions,
*as we embody God's love
in the world around us.*

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

We will celebrate Communion at both the 8:00 and 10:00 am services on Sunday, February 4th.

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday ~ February 14th

See the full Lenten schedule on page 5.

FFC'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CATALOG TOTALS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Our annual fundraiser for Midwest Food Bank will be held Sunday, February 4th in our Fellowship Hall. Hearty soups and bread will be served.

Enter a soup in our judging! There will be two prizes given: the Peoples Choice Award and the Judges Choice Award. You can't win if you don't enter!

See page 3 for these Missions details.

Teaching,
*as we explore what it means
to be a follower of Jesus.*



NEW - FRESH FOOD DRIVE!

Sunday, March 4th *gizm* and First Federated Church will team-up to collect fresh produce for our area food banks.

See the back cover for details.

SPECIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

**"The Other Israel:
Reflections on a Trip to Palestine"**

John Nixon invites you to join him Sunday, February 11th following both the 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services in the Bride's Lounge, 3rd floor.

See page 7 for details.



Fellowship,
*as we love and care
for one another.*

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Max Lucado's *Before Amen: The Power of Simple Prayer.*

Beginning Sunday, February 18th at 9:00 am in the Bride's Lounge, 3rd floor.

See page 5 for details.

TIME FOR SOFTBALL!

Are you interested in playing for our FFC co-ed softball team?

Games are held Sunday evenings, beginning April 22nd at Peoria Stadium.

Contact Paul Resnick through the church office at 309-685-5258 by Monday, March 15th if you want to join in the fellowship and fun.

Go Feds!!



First Federated Church of Peoria

A Federated Church of Presbyterian Church (USA) and United Church of Christ.



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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.

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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

ffcpeoria.com

Glimpse of Grace



Frosty

"Glimpse of Grace for a Winter's Day"

On a gray winter morning large dry flakes of snow fell from the sky. This was not the "good for packing" kind of snow that is good for the building of snowmen and snowball fights. This was light fluffy stuff that swirls like ghostly figures whenever the wind stirs.

Watching the snow give the land a white covering, I recalled the words of the prophet Isaiah. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow..." (1:18)

Those are God's words of promise spoken though the prophet to a repentant and penitent nation. They are God's words to you and to me, too. They are words that I use most weeks in worship.

May snows of winter become a reminder of God's forgiving love. May they become a glimpse of grace.

*Lord God, thank you for Your forgiving love that covers my sin.
Give me a change of heart, one that is penitent, one that is not
only forgiven, but forgiving. Amen.*

It is only by answering this most difficult of all questions that any congregation can become a true glimpse of grace.

May you recognize God's Grace in your life throughout 2018.



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It's Not Too Late

If would you would like to make a payment towards your 2017 Ministry pledge, just put a notation on your remittance and we will make sure it goes to the correct account.

Blessings,
Jeff Shelton, Treasurer

Missions, As we embody God's love in the world around us.

FFC's Souper Bowl Sunday

All Proceeds go to Midwest Food Bank



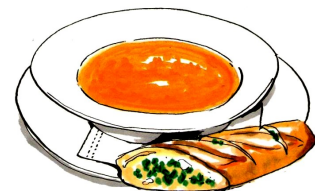
Sunday, February 4th, following the 10:00 am worship service in our Fellowship Hall
\$6 per adult, \$4 per child, or \$20 for a family

Soup Judging!

Enter a favorite soup in our soup judging
Two winners will be chosen: People's Choice and Judge's Choice.
Win bragging rights for the year!

Make Your Reservation!

Use the sign-up sheet at the reception desk.
Visit our website: <http://www.ffcpeoria.com/ffcs-souper-bowl-sunday/>



Thank You Panera Bread
For Your Generous Donation
of
Brioche & Sprouted Grain Rolls
For This Event!

FFC Christmas Catalog Totals

Because of your generous donations, First Federated Church was able to send out \$22,460.72 to the 12 local agencies which were listed in our Christmas Catalog.

These agencies were all so appreciative of your support, and the Mission Committee thanks you for reaching out to help these agencies meet the needs of our community.

Thank You!

\$ 2,180.06	Center for the Prevention of Abuse
\$ 1,890.07	Common Place Family Learning Center
\$ 1,406.23	Crittenton Centers
\$ 3,234.72	ELITE Youth Program
\$ 1,519.26	<i>gitm</i>
\$ 1,775.25	Goodwill of Central IL Veterans' Home
\$ 1,200.00	Heddington Oaks Nursing Home
\$ 1,573.42	Midwest Food Bank
\$ 1,200.00	Neighborhood House
\$ 3,236.27	Paws Giving Independence
\$ 1,200.00	Peoria Friendship House
<u>\$ 2545.00</u>	South Side Mission
\$22,960.72	Total

Ongoing FFC Missions

Snack Packs for Whittier Primary School

- Packing weekend snacks for children
- Volunteers gather each Thursday morning at 8:45 am
- Warehouse of the Life Together Center.

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.

Offering Envelopes

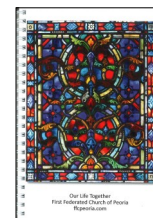


DID YOU REQUEST OFFERING ENVELOPES?

- Your requested 2018 offering envelopes are now available on a table just behind the reception desk.
- If you wish to request 2018 offering envelopes there is a sign-up sheet on the table with the envelopes.

FFC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE TODAY!

- All of those who either had a photo taken or submitted a photo will receive a complimentary directory.
- Those directories can be found across from the reception desk, in alphabetical order.
- Please double check your name and take ONLY your directory.



Fellowship, as we love and care for one another.

Our Church Family ~ A Matter of Record

Births

Tuesday, January 16th - Laura (Samuelson) and Nathan Ahearn welcomed Faith Emma Ahearn. Grandparents are Mindi and Craig Samuelson.

Thursday, January 11th - Melissa (Shultz) and David McGee welcomed Eleanor Cathleen McGee. Grandparents are Cathy and Barney Shultz.

Completed This Part of Life

January 22nd, Amelia McDonald

*Do you have a birth, wedding, or bereavement you would like to share with your church family?
Please contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or info@ffcpeoria.com.*

Church Membership

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Federated Church, please contact Rev. Zach Lysdahl at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com or 309-685-5258, X102.



Church Fellowship Groups

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ▪ Saturday Night Live is primarily a social group that meets roughly once a month for dinner (at restaurants or members' homes) and is made up of those over 50. If you're interested and would like more information, contact Judy Thompson through the church office at 309-685-5258.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP ▪ Adults between the ages of 25 and 45, single, married, or with a family. This group gathers monthly to enjoy great community events and engage in mission opportunities. All are welcome and have a place in helping us create this community. For more information about the group or events, please contact Rev. Zach Lysdahl at 309-685-5258, X-12 or zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

EVENT: Look for a February event to be announced soon!

KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY ▪ The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 6th, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Racine through the church office at 309-685-5258.

OLD BUDDIES BREAKFAST ▪ The next gathering of the "Old Buddies," a men's fellowship group that meets for breakfast and fellowship, will be **Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room**.

FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB ▪ The Women's Club will meet **Wednesday, February 28th at noon**. This month our program will be presented by John Morris and is about the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Lunch will be served. Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact Women's Club President, Barb Hein at 309-691-1981.

THE FFC BOOK CLUB ▪ The club will meet **Saturday, February 24th, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for the combined November/December gathering will be *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

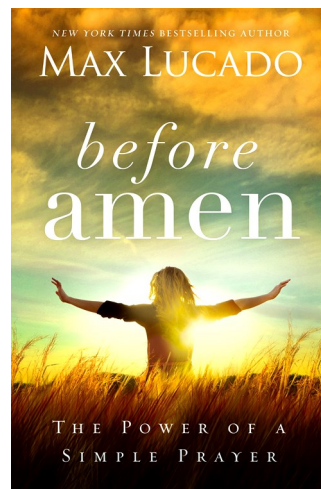


Lent Begins Wednesday, February 14th

That evening you are invited to an Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30 pm. The imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of Communion will be observed.

On each subsequent Wednesday night, from February 21st through March 21st, FFC will have an "Eventide" worship service at 6:30 pm which will include the Sacrament of Communion. The "theme" for these worship services will be Prayer.

In conjunction with the Lenten worship service, the ministers will lead a book study on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:40 am in the Bride's Lounge. This year's Lenten book is Max Lucado's Before Amen: The Power of A Simple Prayer. You are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book from your favorite book-seller or borrow from your local library.



Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 18th

9:00 am Lenten Book Study: Max Lucado's Before Amen:
The Power of A Simple Prayer, Bride's Lounge

Wednesday, February 21st

6:30 pm Lenten "Eventide" Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 25th

9:00 am Lenten Book Study: Max Lucado's Before Amen:
The Power of A Simple Prayer, Bride's Lounge

Wednesday, February 28th

6:30 pm Lenten "Eventide" Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 4th

9:00 am Lenten Book Study: Max Lucado's Before Amen:
The Power of A Simple Prayer, Bride's Lounge

Wednesday, March 7th

6:30 pm Lenten "Eventide" Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 11th

9:00 am Lenten Book Study: Max Lucado's Before Amen:
The Power of A Simple Prayer, Bride's Lounge

Wednesday, March 14th

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9:00 am Lenten Book Study: Max Lucado's Before Amen:
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Wednesday, March 21st

6:30 pm Lenten "Eventide" Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 25th

Palm / Passion Sunday, worship services at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, March 30th

Good Friday, worship services at 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm
services, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1st

Easter, worship services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Executive Board

(The Executive Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in FFC's Life Together Center Boardroom)

MODERATOR . . . Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr. VICE-MODERATOR Kent Kowalske

Class of 2018

Elizabeth Allen, (UCC); David Bailey, (PCUSA); Kent Kowalske, (UCC); Theresa Pfeiffer, (PCUSA)

Class of 2019

Nancy Amos, (PCUSA); Rebecca Frankel Clifton, (UCC); Dana Hobson, (PCUSA); Cheryl Resnick, (UCC)

Class of 2020

Debbie Dornaus, (PCUSA); El Higus, (PCUSA); Bridget Mattson, (UCC); Hank Stone, (UCC)

Board of Deacons

(The Board of Deacons meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in FFC's Life Together Center Trinity Room)

Class of 2018

Barb Hein, Carol Nelson, Roberta Schroff, Rick Snarr, Sally Stone, Pat Fenoglia, Al Hedeman

Class of 2019

Vicki Bailey, Trish Fordyce, Kay Hulin, Carol Sleeth, Sheila Snarr, Ronalee DeNoble, Jerri Varnold

Nominating Committee

Class of 2018

Jill Koch, John Morris, Ron Silver, Kim Snarr

Class of 2019

Laura Kowalske, John Mooney, Robin Simpson, Linda Sahn

Clerk of the Congregation

Suzanne Mooney

Teaching, as we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Children's Ministry

COMING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL Kindergarten – 5th Grade

- Memory Verse:** "Do to others as you want them to do to you." Luke 6:31, NIV
- Life App:** Kindness - showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.
- Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



PRETZEL PRAYER SUNDAY

Sunday,
February 25th

Children will make pretzels and focus on the meaning of prayer and Lent during Sunday School.



Sunday, February 4th:

The children will make valentines in their Sunday school classrooms.

Sunday, February 11th:

The children will deliver valentines to the residents of Buehler Home.

Sunday, February 18th:

Bible Story: Amazing Grace – Kindness Principle, Titus 3:4-7

Bottom Line: Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

Sunday, February 25th:

Bible Story: We are Family – Ruth and Boaz, Ruth 1-2

Bottom Line: Be kind to your family and friends.

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Junior Highs (6th - 8th Graders)

Senior Highs (9th - 12th Graders)

Junior High Sunday School

- **February series: "Playing With Fire"**
 - This month in Sunday school, the junior high students will complete a two week series designed to encourage us to harness the powerful potential of our words by using them to build up rather than tear down.
 - The junior high students will be helping the younger children make valentines on February 4th and they will help deliver the valentines to Buehler Home on February 11th.

Junior High Event ~ Bowling!

- **Friday, February 9th, 6 pm**
 - Peoria Christian Center
 - RSVP to Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com

Confirmation Worship Retreat

Sunday, February 11th,
11:15 am ~ 4:00 pm
Garden Room, LTC

- Please wear your t-shirt!



Senior High Sunday School /Fellowship Sunday Evenings

- **Next gathering - Sunday, January 7th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm**
- 3rd floor Youth Rooms
- Dinner will be provided.

Senior High Event ~ Trivia Night

- **Sunday, February 18th, 5:30 pm**
- The VandeWiele home
- RSVP to Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com for location and further information.

Senior High Parent Volunteers Needed

Sunday Dinners For The Students

- All parents are invited to provide an evening meal.
- Please visit the Sign-Up genius to volunteer.
- Your choice, home-made or carry-out.
- This QR Code will take you to the website or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4caea728abfa7-sunday1>



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Meditation Group

- Thursdays at 10:00 am
- Memorial Lounge
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or avoll@comcast.net.

Off Campus Bible Studies

Each Thursday at:

- Independence Village at 9:15 am
Led by Rev. Zach Lysdahl.
- Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am
Led by Rev. Frosty Krummel.

SPECIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

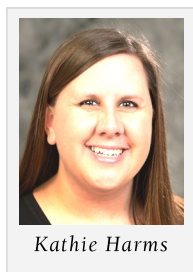
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

"The Other Israel: Reflections on a Trip to Palestine"

- John Nixon will share his experiences and reflections from his visit to East Jerusalem and the West Bank following both the 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services.
- Join us in the Bride's Lounge from 8:45 to 9:45 am and again from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.
- **All are welcome!**



The Preschools at FFC



Kathie Harms

February Events

**Wednesday, February 14th
Preschool Valentine Parties**

(Check your child's class schedule for exact time or to sign up for treats!)

Enroll Now for the Spring Semester

Director, Kathie Harms ☎309-685-5258, x.108 📧kharms@ffcpeoria.com

Senior Highs & Eighth Graders



Stronghold Retreat!

Friday, March 3rd; Saturday, March 4th; Sunday, March 5th

- All 8th graders and Senior Highs Invited!
- **Team Planning Lunch - Sunday, February 18th at 11:15 am in the Senior High room, 3rd floor. Come for pizza & planning.**
- Final packing suggestions and reminders will be given before our weekend in Oregon, IL.
- For more information contact Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

Youth Mission Trip ~ 2018

**Sunday, June 24th through Saturday, June 30th
Deposit / Reservation deadline Saturday, March 24th**

- All 8th graders and Senior Highs Invited ~ Grand Rapids, MI!
- **Mission Trip Meeting - Sunday, February 28th at 11:30 am in the Youth room, 3rd floor.**
- This will be an overview of what we are going to do on the trip, as well as, timeframe for deadlines and cost of the trip.
- For more information contact Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

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Our FFC Missions Committee in conjunction with the
gitm Foundation present our first:



Fresh Food Drive!

- **Sunday, March 4th** • Every person is asked to bring fresh produce - think 3, 5, or 10 pound bags of potatoes, apples, oranges, bananas.
- The gitm Mobile Fresh Food Van will arrive that Sunday to pick up the produce.
- The fresh produce will be delivered to area food pantries struggling with getting fresh produce in a timely and consistent manner (*it is even worse in the winter months*).

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



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