



# Our Life Together



## *gitm and First Federated Church Fresh Food Drive*

On 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. Donations will be collected prior to both the 8 and 10 am worship services.



## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

The One Great Hour of Sharing began shortly after World War II to help meet the mission needs of a world recovering from the devastation of the war. Today, the One Great Hour of Sharing continues to be an interdenominational mission offering that cares for the least, the last, and the lost as Christians around the world do the work of God's Kingdom. This is FFC's only "denominational" offering. Unless otherwise indicated, the proceeds are divided between the United Church of Christ's support of global mission work through Church World Service and the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. The OGHS collection will be received on Sunday, March 11th. An envelope is included in this newsletter.



## *Join The Feds for FFC 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 309-685-50258 by Monday, March 15th if you want to join in the fellowship and fun.



## *Congratulations FFC Book Club . . . 20 Years of Reading Together!*

Saturday, February 24th marked a special milestone for this club. Happy Anniversary!



**First Federated Church of Peoria**

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# Glimpse of Grace



The first Resurrection Lilies of the season are popping up in our yard. They are the descendants of the Resurrection Lilies that my mother planted around their yard many years ago. Whenever I see them I am reminded of the Promise of New Life, New Beginnings, "Do-Overs."

In this season of Lent we've had a sermon series on Promises, God's Promises through various "covenants" found in Scripture. On April First, "April Fool's Day," we will celebrate the fulfillment of the Ultimate Promise known as Easter. (The sermon for the day is entitled "Fools for Christ.")

If you have joined us for any of our midweek or Sunday worship services during Lent, we pray that you have been spiritually fed and blessed. If you have not been able to join us, you may download sermons (print and audio) at our website: [www.ffcpeoria.com](http://www.ffcpeoria.com). You may also read my Lenten Devotions on my blog. The link is also on our website.

In this season of change, we invite you to keep your focus on the one constant in both life and death; Jesus Christ, the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frosty'.



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

## FFC's Souper Bowl Sunday

Thank you to our congregation . . .  
those who ate and those who served.  
\$738.51 was raised for Midwest Food Bank.



### Soup Judging Winners!

#### Judges' Choice Award:

Theresa Pfeiffer with her Swiss Cream of Onion Soup

#### People's Choice Award:

Luke Sheley with his Pheasant White Bean Chili

*They have won bragging rights for the year!*



Thank You  
Panera Bread  
For Your Generous Donation  
of Brioche & Sprouted Grain Rolls  
And  
Gregg Florist  
For the Donation  
of the Bread Baskets.



## 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.

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

## Our Church Family ~ A Matter of Record

### Baptism

February 18th - Spencer James Owens, son of Elizabeth (Fordyce) and Craig Owens.

February 25th - Eleanor Jane Delinski, daughter of Stacey (Rosenbaum) and Joseph Delinski.

### Completed This Part of Life

January 30th, Bertha Shipman

February 9th, Howard Simpson

February 12th, Joanne Dixon-Folck

February 19th, Virginia Clifton

February 26th, Sandy Defenbaugh

*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.

**EVENT: Saturday, March 17th 6:00 pm. Dinner at Bernardi's Restaurant - 2137 Washington Road, Washington, IL. Please contact Judy Thompson for reservation through the church office.**

**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.

**KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY** ▪ The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 6th, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Racine at 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, March 20th at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room**.

### FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB ▪ ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

The Women's Club will meet **Wednesday, March 28th at noon**. This month our program will be presented by Brian Uhlenhopp, Director of Development at The Dream Center. Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact Women's Club President, Barb Hein through the church office at 309-685-5258.

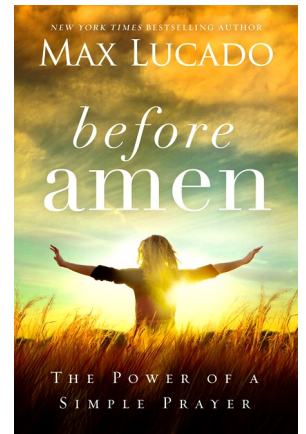
**THE FFC BOOK CLUB** ▪ The club will meet **Saturday, March 24th, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for the March gathering will be Mr. Churchill's Secretary: A Maggie Hope Novel by Susan Elia MacNeal.



## Our Lenten Schedule

On each subsequent Wednesday night 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.



### **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**

6:30 pm Lenten "Eventide" Service, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 18th**

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

### **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

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

## Children's Ministry

### Coming Up In Sunday School Kindergarten ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Memory Verse:** "So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19, NIV

**Life App:** Peace – proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

#### Sunday, March 4th:

**Bible Story:** Go Your Own Way - Abram makes peace, Genesis 13:5-18

**Bottom Line:** Prove you care more about others by letting go of "what's fair."

#### Sunday, March 11th:

**Bible Story:** Walk on By – Isaac's Wells, Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31

**Bottom Line:** Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight.

#### Sunday, March 18th:

**Bible Story:** Give Peace a Chance – Abigail Intervenes, 1 Samuel 25:1-35

**Bottom Line:** Prove you care more about others by being part of the solution.

#### Sunday, February 25th:

The children will make empty tomb muffins in their Sunday school classrooms.



### Sunday, March 25th

#### Palm Sunday Children's Processional

All Sunday school children are invited to meet in the chapel at 9:45 am to line up for our special Palm Processional.

Children will wave their palms and make a special entrance into the sanctuary as worship begins!

Jessica Sheley ♦ ☎309-685-5258 X-105 ✉jsheley@ffcpeoria.com

## Junior Highs (6th - 8th Graders)

### Junior High Sunday School

- **March series: "Hello, My Name Is"**
  - This 3-week series focuses on identity, guiding us to stop listening to the opinions of others or even the negative opinions we have of ourselves to define who we are and instead turn toward the truth of God's voice for our identity.
  - The junior high students will be helping the younger children make empty tomb muffins during Sunday school on March 25th.

### Junior High Event ~ Games & Dinner!

- **Friday, March 16th, 6 pm**
  - Youth rooms, 3rd floor
  - RSVP to Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com

### Confirmation Mission Retreat

**Sunday, April 8th,  
11:15 am ~ 4:00 pm  
Garden Room, LTC**

- Please wear your t-shirt!



## Senior Highs (9th - 12th Graders)

### Stronghold March 2nd, 3rd & 4th

- Senior High Annual Retreat
- Departure Friday, March 2nd
- Check-in at 4:45 pm in Commons
- Return Sunday, March 4th, late afternoon.



### Senior High Sunday School /Fellowship Sunday Evenings

- 5:30 pm ~ Youth Rooms, 3rd floor
- Dinner will be provided.

### 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.
- Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4caea728abfa7-sunday1>

### 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.

### Theology On Tap

- Evening Bible Discussion (7 pm) at the Bearded Owl Brewery
- Thursday, March 1st: "How Do All Things Work Together For Good?" (Romans 8:28)
- Thursday, March 8th: "How Prosperous Does God Want Us To Be?" (Joshua 1:8)
- Sunday, March 25th: "What Is the Root Of All Evil?" (1 Timothy 6:10)
- All are welcome (must be 21 or older).
- To RSVP for the class and get on the class material email list contact Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

## Music Ministry

### A Prelude . . . A Service

Recently I was asked why we have moved the Prelude to *after* the announcements. This change was made with purpose.

A Prelude is defined as an introductory performance. It can occur before any sort of production or event and should serve to prepare the listener for the main point, performance, or message. Musical Preludes are often performed by a piano or an orchestra and here at First Federated Church we have a truly wonderful instrument which emulates a symphony distilled down to the fingertips - a true pipe organ.

To a certain extent church is a bit of a production. Here the Prelude has an important function, as we are not just preparing the congregation (audience) for a series of scenes or smaller performances, but rather settling the mind, heart, and spirit to worship. An organ Prelude is often built on just one theme, or melody, and might ornament it, or try taking that music through a few variations. The purpose is to inform the ear to the worship to follow, and can even better set up the message for the service as a whole.

So, we have moved the Prelude to after announcements so that it is a part of the worship service in an effort to better focus the spirit, it is designed to serve as a moment of quiet mediation before we begin to listen and respond.

Outside the doors of the famous Frankfurt opera house are these words:

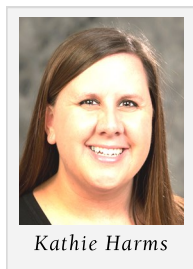
*"Bach gave us God's word. Mozart gave us God's laughter. Beethoven gave us God's fire.  
God gave us Music that we might pray without words."*

So enjoy the Prelude, for the skill involved in writing it and in playing it, but also for the beauty of its place in our worship.



~ Mr. Russ

## The Preschools at FFC



Kathie Harms

### March Events

Good Friday ~ Friday, March 30th  
Preschool will be closed

**Enroll Now for the Spring Semester**

### Do You Know A Family With Preschoolers?

Help us spread the good news about our wonderful preschool program!

A children's book will be donated to the preschool in your name for each successful preschool referral.

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## LOGOS



## Children's Midweek Ministry

- **Wednesdays ~ April 11th, 18th, 25th & May 2nd**
- **5:30 to 7:00 pm**
- Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Ministry, manners, food and fun.
- For more information contact Jessica Sheley at [jsheley@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:jsheley@ffcpeoria.com) or 309-685-5258 X-105.

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



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