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# *Our* Life Together



## *Beginnings* *He Is Risen*



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# A Glimpse of Grace

No matter how March goes out, lion or lamb, this month begins with April Fool's Day. For the first time since 1956 it also begins with Easter, the very heart of the Christian faith.

Someone was unfamiliar with Christianity might think that Easter is the biggest April Fool's joke ever. The disciples didn't believe the women when they came back from the Tomb that first Easter morning. The apostle Paul, reflecting upon the story of Easter wrote that it is a stumbling block to some and sheer foolishness to others. (I Corinthians 1:23) But "Who is the biggest fool?"

Maybe Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. He could have stopped the crucifixion. By all indications he wanted to. After interrogating Jesus he said, "I find no crime in this man." Besides, Pilate was a busy man who felt the ridiculous customs of the Jews were of no concern to him. Added to this was the troubling dream that his wife had concerning Jesus. She warned him to stay out of it (Matthew 27:19). But did he listen? No. He was too weak to resist public opinion. So, he ceremonially washed his hands and declared that Jesus' blood was not to be on his hands. But history judged differently. The stain of Jesus' blood is on Pilate's hands. His was far from a profile in courage.

Maybe the bigger fools were Annas and his son-in-law Caiaphas. Annas was the high priest who loved the Temple and the Institution more than he loved the one to whom the Temple and institution

pointed, God. Caiaphas, on the other hand, politically savvy, said that it was better for one man to die for the many than for the many to die for one man. What difference does innocence make in the greater scheme of things? Save yourself.

And then there are the disciples. They scattered like sheep, just as Jesus said that they would. None of them, save possibly one, was at the Cross. And none of them were with the women on the early morn.

So now I have a riddle for you. When is an ending not an ending? Answer: When the last sentence ends in the middle. That is what Mark's gospel does.

The gospel of Mark literally ends with the word "for." The women told no one for? "For" what? For they were afraid? Amazed?

Beside themselves? What?

The story of Easter ends with us, with each one of us. It calls upon us to be foolish enough to take Jesus seriously. We do not know what the Future holds but we do know this, no matter what the Future holds it is the Resurrected Lord in Whose Hands it is held. Christ beckons us into the Future. We may never know where we will see Him, but we will see Him often in unexpected places and at unexpected times. We cannot escape either Him or His claim upon our lives.

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## Office Hours

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

## Sunday Worship Service Times

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

## Visit Our Website

[ffcpeoria.com](http://ffcpeoria.com)



## GITM Fresh Food Drive A Success!

Thanks to all FFC families who donated to the GITM (Gifts in the Moment) Fresh Food Drive in April. Our congregation collected 702 pounds of fresh produce...the largest single donation to date for GITM. These donations went to local food pantries to provide fresh food during a time of the year when access is challenging for those less fortunate.



# Thanks!

## 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 and 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 and in the Narthex.

## Music Ministry

## Introit = Entrance

Last month we examined the role of the prelude in worship. This month we will look at the next part of our worship outline: the introit.

The word has evolved from the Latin term *introitus*, which means entrance. The introit functions as a musical blend between the prelude and the call to worship. If the prelude is an overture the introit is a fanfare, or musical summons, often rather short. The next spoken portion, or sung, serves a proclamation that the worship service has begun.

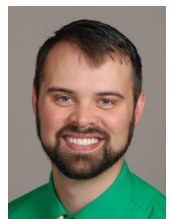
The text is often drawn from the psalms. While largely preserved in chant manuscripts from the Roman Catholic tradition, the roots of the action stretch back to Jewish worship practices, and now can be heard in temples, churches, and synagogues of many Christian, Muslim, and Jewish congregations around the world.

For example:

*The heavens shew forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands. Psalm 18:2*

May the next introit you hear be a prayer, a summons, and a source for inspiration into your week ahead.

~ Mr. Russ



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# Congregational Life

## A Matter of Record

### Births

February 27th - The Sheley Family  
Jessica, Luke, and Violet welcomed Ivy June.

March 23rd - The Shields Family  
Sarah, James, and Jack welcomed Nora Emily.  
Grandparents are Carol and Gary Nelson.

### Completed This Part of Life

March 25th, Ellen Boulton, Grandmother of Worship and  
Music Director, Russel Boulton.

*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 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.

### OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

Adults of all ages, single, married, or with a family. This group gathers to enjoy the out of doors. All are welcome. For more information about the group or events, please contact Shane Richardson through the church office at 309-685-5258.

**EVENT: BACKYARD CAMP OUT** - Jamie and Shane Richardson will host this event at their home. Friday, April 20th beginning at 6:00 pm. Gather your camping gear and enjoy an evening of fellowship around the campfire and a night under the stars. Dinner and a hearty breakfast will be provided. RSVP to Shane Richardson through the church office at 309-685-5258. Location directions will be provided in response to RSVP.

### KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd, 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, April 17th at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room.

### FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday, April 25th at noon. This month our program will be "*Kitt Peak Observatory*" presented by Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Curator, Peoria Riverfront Museum. Lunch will be served.

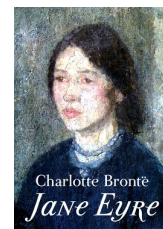
Women's Club will hold their Spring luncheon May 23rd in the Commons at the Church. It will be a catered lunch by Barrack's Cater Inn. The program will be "Button, Button. Who's Got the Button" by Carol Peterson. The cost will be \$15. To make a reservation mail your check to Jan Chapman or to the Church office. You may also pay your annual dues of \$20. Please make a note on your check the amount covers both luncheon and dues. Reservations must be in by May 16.

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, April 28th, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615).

The book for the April gathering will be *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë.



# Let's Play Ball

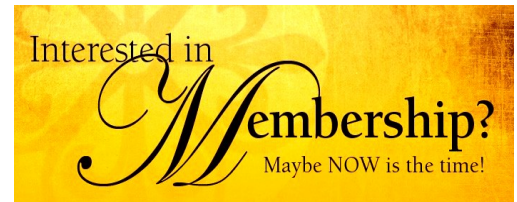
## The Feds Start The Season

- The first (and only) practice will be Sunday, April 15 at 5:00 pm on Diamond #4 at Peoria Stadium.
- Copies of our schedule for the summer will be handed out at that practice.
- The first game will be Sunday, April 22nd. Watch the Home Edition or email for the time and Diamond number.
- Contact "Coach Rez" - Paul Resnick through the church office at 309-685-5258.

## Inquirers Welcome

### Informational Inquirers Brunch for Guests and New Members

- Sunday, April 15th at 11:00 am in the Bride's Lounge (2nd floor)
- This is an opportunity for guests and new members to learn more about FFC.
- We'll enjoy a meal and get questions answered.
- If you don't have much time, we'll have packets of information available so you can just grab some food and a packet.
- We'll finish with a tour for anyone interested.
- Please RSVP to Rev. Zach, Assistant Minister of Family Life (zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com).



## In His Service

### 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

# Christian Education, Children & Youth

## Children's Ministry (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

### April Sunday School

**Memory Verse:** "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope.  
Wait for the Lord!" *Psalms 27:14, NIV*

**Life App:** Patience - waiting until later for what you want now

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what!

#### Sunday, April 1st:

All Sunday school children remain in worship with their families.  
Activity books will be available.

#### Sunday, April 8th:

**Bible Story:** Baby on Board: Hannah Prays for a Baby, 1 Samuel 1:6-2:1

**Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

#### Sunday, April 15th:

**Bible Story:** Are We There Yet?: A Patience Proverb, Proverbs 14:29

**Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

#### Sunday, April 22nd:

**Bible Story:** Watch for Livestock: Golden Calf, Exodus 32:1-35

**Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, think about what's true.

#### Sunday, April 29th:

**Bible Story:** Souped Up: Esau's Impatience, Genesis 25:24-34

**Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, think twice.

### Special Events In April

#### Sunday, April 15th:

The 1st grade students are invited to attend a special Baptism workshop with their parents that will take place during the worship service.

#### Sunday, April 22nd:

The 2nd and 3rd grade students are invited to attend a special Communion workshop with their parents that will take place during the worship service.

#### Sunday, April 29th:

The 4th and 5th grade students will take a special field trip to the Crittenton Crisis Nursery to deliver donated baby items.

**More details to follow.**

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## Junior High's (5th Grade through 8th Grade)

### Special Junior High Sunday School Events In April

#### Sunday, April 1st:

Easter Sunday: Remain in worship

#### Sunday, April 8th:

Junior High students set up and serve at Fellowship Hour

#### Sunday, April 15th:

Regular Junior High Sunday school

#### Sunday, April 22nd:

Junior High students complete a service project during Sunday school (more information to come)

#### Sunday, April 29th:

Junior High students complete a service project during Sunday school (more information to come)

### 4th-5th Grade Service Project For Crisis Nursery

- Our 4th-5th grade Sunday school students will once again be collecting items for Crittenton's Crisis Nursery.
- Collection baskets will be available throughout the church.
- All items will be delivered by the children on April 29th.
- Please consider donating any of the following new items:

Diapers  
Bottle Cleaning Brushes  
Paper Plates  
Wipes  
Underwear  
Bibs

Formula  
Educational Toys  
Washcloths  
Bottles  
Batteries  
Clothes and Shoes  
(all sizes)

Sippy Cups  
Clorox Wipes  
Picture Books  
Diaper Rash Cream  
Plastic Silverware  
Gift Cards

### Confirmation Retreat - Missions

Sunday, April 8th  
11:15 am to 4:00 pm

- Garden Room, LTC
- Please wear your t-shirt!



## Senior High's (9th Grade through 12th Grade)

Senior High's remain in worship.

Senior High Sunday School / Fellowship

- Sunday Evening's 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Senior High rooms, 3rd floor
- Faith, Fellowship and Food

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# Christian Education, Adult

## 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

### Round Two Morality / Ethics And The Bible

- Evening Bible Discussion (7 to 8 pm) at the Bearded Owl Brewery
- Thursday, April 5th  
"Perfection - How Good Does God Expect Us To Be"
- Thursday, April 12th  
"Just War - What Role Does Violence Play In The Christian Life"
- Thursday, April 19th  
"Longevity - How Modern Medicine Impacts Quality Of Life"
- Thursday, April 26th  
"Global Warming/Climate Change & the Church's Responsibility"
- 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.

# Friendship House Spring Luncheon

- Friday, April 27th at Noon, 800 N.E. Madison, Peoria, Ticket Cost \$8.00
- Program features Harpist, Karen Henderson
- Boutique & Bake Sale begin at 10:30 am / Lunch served at Noon
- A drawing will be held for a comforter, quilt, afghan, Avon Basket, Garden basket and a gift card. Donations for the drawings are \$2. for one or 3 for \$5.
- To donate or for tickets please contact Barb Hein at 309-691-1981.

## April Events

Friday, April 20th  
Preschool Prom 3:00 pm

Week of April 23 - 27th  
Week Of The Young Child



## JOIN US FOR SUMMER CAMP!

- Our Summer Camps offer activities for ages 2 years old to 10 years to keep your child active, learning, and entertained through the summer months.
- We will plan each week around a different theme, like Camping, Princesses and Superheroes, Science, and Sports.
- We will also take several field trips as well. Snacks and lunch are included. Our weekly themes will be available soon!

If you are interested in FFC Summer Camps please 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-108 or kharms@ffcpeoria.com.

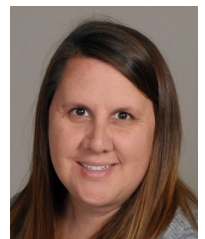
# The Preschools at FFC



## 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 [jshaley@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:jshaley@ffcpeoria.com) or 309-685-5258 X-105.

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



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