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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



2017 VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

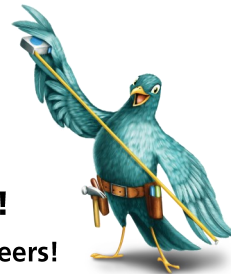
JULY 16TH - 20TH
5:30 TO 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH VBS PACKET PICKUP

- Following 10:00 am worship
- In the Commons



Use this QR code with your smart phone or tablet to register.



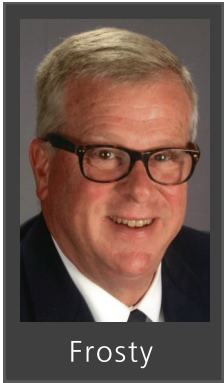
VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are once again looking for VBS volunteers!
We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Station Leaders
- ✓ Crew Leaders
- ✓ Kitchen Crew
- ✓ Decorations

Please contact Kristen D'Alfonso at kdalfonso@ffcpeoria.com if you are interested.





June is a very busy month. Not only will we receive into active membership this year's confirmation class, but June is also the month of Pentecost (wear red) and Father's Day. An overlooked observance is Trinity Sunday which is observed the first Sunday after Pentecost.

One of my favorite flowers in my wife's garden or any garden for that matter is the iris. They are blooming earlier than usual this year because of the mild winter and wet Spring.

The iris is also the flower of the Trinity, one of the most misunderstood of all Christian doctrines. Long embraced but also misunderstood is Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor who decided that the question of the relationship between the Creator and Jesus had to be resolved. He became a Christian hoping that Christianity would help to unite his Roman government, which was disintegrating from civil wars. However, he found that Christians were themselves much divided over questions of doctrine. In an effort to settle this matter, in A.D. 325 he asked the bishops from the entire church to come together at Nicaea to discuss and agree on a creed. The result is what we know as the Nicene Creed.

Beginning with Augustine in the fifth century, attempts have been made to provide analogies of the doctrine for better understanding. Augustine used an analogy from botany: "The root is wood, the trunk is wood, and the branches are wood, while nevertheless it is not three woods that are thus spoken of, but only one.... [Thus] no one should think it absurd that we should call the Father God, the Son God, the Holy Spirit God, and that these are not three gods in the Trinity, but one God and one substance."

More recently Christian Educator Rachel Henderlite in her book, "*Call to Faith*," reminded readers of the analogy of A. H. Mollegen: "The light (the Father) shines through the colored slide (the Son) to cast an image (the Holy Spirit) on the screen (the church)."

Or, as I used to tell confirmation classes, using Colossians 3:1 as an inspiration, Jesus Christ is the clearest manifestation of the Eternal God, Who created the heavens and the earth. It is by the Holy Spirit opening our hearts that we are able to understand and live faithfully in response to God's call.

No matter how you understand it, whenever I walk through Sue's garden and see the variety of iris, I am reminded that in life and death I belong not to myself but to God. And for me, that is a glimpse of grace.

Frosty



Special thanks to William Phipps whose article first appeared in the May 1994 edition of the Presbyterian Survey and on the United Church of Christ web site.

FFC RUMMAGE SALE

- We will be having our Rummage Sale **Friday, August 18th & Saturday, August 19th** to benefit the Missions of FFC.
- We welcome your contributions of women's, men's & children's clothing, housewares, toys, books, tools, holiday items, furniture, linens, sports equipment, all music items, and artworks.
- **Please no televisions, computers, printers, encyclopedias or magazines!**
- Plenty of help will be needed as well, so mark your calendars, volunteer sign-up sheets will be available soon.
- Questions? Please contact Susi Butler at 309-696-5558 or jbutler895@aol.com.



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

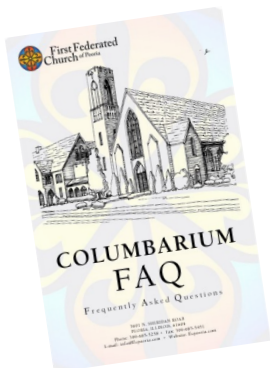
- Thank you to our wonderful volunteers at the close of our second school year! Great Job!

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.



MATTER OF RECORD

BAPTISM

- ❖ May 28th, Molly Catherine Hackett, daughter of Lisa and Rob, little sister of Ben and Jake, granddaughter of Carol Bielenberg.

COMPLETED THIS PART OF LIFE

- ❖ May 3rd, Joyce Anderson, mother of Cindy Schoen
- ❖ May 9th, Eugene C. Swager
- ❖ May 20th, Ross Canterbury

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

FFC SOFTBALL - THE FEDS!

Games will be played at Peoria Stadium, 315 E War Memorial Drive. Come out and cheer us on!

June Softball Schedule:

- Sunday, June 4th - 6:00 pm: Diamond S - 4
- Sunday, June 11th - 5:00 pm: Diamond S - 4
- Sunday, June 18th - 6:00 pm: Diamond S - 3
- Sunday, June 25th - The Feds are off
- Sunday, July 2nd - No Games / 4th of July Holiday

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 the church at 309-685-5258.

Event: Saturday, June 17th, 6:30 pm - Faith and Family Night at the Ballpark. Dozer Park, downtown Peoria

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: Save the Date! Saturday, July 29th - Family BBQ!

KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY

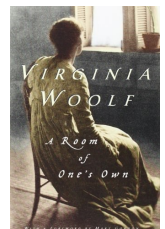
The group is on Summer hiatus and will next meet on **Tuesday, September 5th, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church at 309-685-5258.

OLD BUDDIES BREAKFAST

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

THE FFC BOOK CLUB

They will meet **Saturday, June 24th, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for June is [A Room Of One's Own](#) By Virginia Woolf.



Thursday, June 1st

Friday, June 2nd

Saturday, June 3rd

Sunday, June 4th - Confirmation Sunday

8:00 am **Worship, Garth or Chapel**
 8:30 am **Confirmation Breakfast, Bride's Lounge**
 8:45 am **Nominating Committee Meeting, Boardroom**
 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
 1:00 pm **VandeWiele Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary, Commons**
 6:00 pm **FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium S-4**

Monday, June 5th

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

Tuesday, June 6th

Wednesday, June 7th

Thursday, June 8th

Friday, June 9th

Saturday, June 10th

Sunday, June 11th

8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
 11:15 am **New Member Brunch, Bride's Lounge**
 5:00 pm **FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium S-4**

Monday, June 12th

12:45 pm **"Believe" Bible Study, Lifetree Room**
 6:00 pm **Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, Boardroom**

Tuesday, June 13th

Wednesday, June 14th

Thursday, June 15th

Friday, June 16th

Saturday, June 17th

6:30 pm **Faith & Family Night at the Ballpark, Dozer Park, Downtown Peoria**



Sunday, June 18th - Father's Day

New Member Sunday

8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
 6:00 pm **FFC Softball, Peoria Stadium S-4**



Monday, June 19th

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

Tuesday, June 20th

8:30 am **Old Buddies Breakfast, LHV, Private Dining room**
 4:30 pm **Missions Committee Meeting, Boardroom**

Wednesday, June 21st

10:00 am **Full Staff Meeting, Memorial Lounge**
 6:30 pm **FFC Executive Board Meeting, Boardroom**
 7:00 pm **FFC Board of Deacon's Meeting, Trinity Room**

Thursday, June 22nd

Friday, June 23rd

Saturday, June 24th - Youth Mission Trip Departs for Colorado!

8:00 am **Mission Trippers - Gather for Departure, church parking lot**
 8:30 am **Mission Trippers - Depart, church parking lot**
 10:00 am **The FFC Book Club, Peoria Public Library North Branch**



Sunday, June 25th

8:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
 11:00 am **Fellowship, Commons**
No FFC Softball This Evening, The "Feds" Are Off.

Monday, June 26th

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

Tuesday, June 27th

Wednesday, June 28th

Thursday, June 29th

Friday, June 30th

Membership



LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Our Next New Member Brunch is Sunday, June 11th

- Join us for food and fellowship. FFC Staff, Board Members, Deacons and Congregants will be present to answer your questions.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Next New Member Sunday is June 18th

- We will formally welcome new members into the life of our church on this Sunday during both worship services.
- 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, X12.

COMING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
Preschool – 5th Grade

Sunday, June 4th: Confirmation Sunday
No Sunday School, children remain in worship

Sunday, June 11th: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)

Sunday, June 18th: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)

Sunday, June 25th: VBS Music (Preschool - 5th Grade)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH
VBS PACKET PICKUP

- Following 10:00 am worship
- In the Commons



- Will include T-shirt & music cd.
- Not Registered? Visit ffcpeoria.com to register!



Junior Highs (6th - 8th Grades)

2017
CONFIRMATION
CLASS



Sunday, June 4th
Confirmation Sunday

- **8:30 am** Confirmation Breakfast and Confirmands present stoles to Executive Board, *Bride's Lounge*
- **10:00 am** Confirmation Service, *Sanctuary*

(6th - 8th Grades) *Senior Highs*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP
JUNE 24TH - JULY 1ST

- Mission Trip Location: Loveland Colorado.
- Gather for Departure: Saturday, June 24th, 8:00 am in the church parking lot.
- Departure Time: Saturday, June 24th, 8:30 am from the church parking lot.
- 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.



The Preschools at FFC

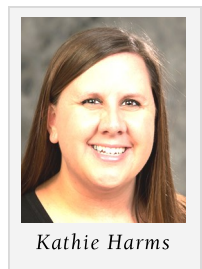
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REGISTER NOW FOR THE
2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR



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



Kathie Harms



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!
- Our Summer Camps begin the week of June 5th, and end on Friday, July 28th, closed for the 4th of July.

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 Bouldons, 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*

Adult Christian Education

"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.

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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Music Ministry ~ Father's Day Jazz Service

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 18th, 10:00 am

In keeping with tradition, our 10:00 am Father's Day service, will once more feature a jazz band. The C-Notes so enjoyed playing and worshipping here last year that we booked the weekend later that week!

Get ready for the fun of a swinging piano, Dixieland clarinet, bouncing bass, subtle set, and a terrific trumpet- the band leader, Chuck Cunningham. You will surely leave the service smiling and with your feet tapping.



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



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