



Our Life Together

As We Make Disciples Through . . .



Worship,
as we praise and glorify God.

ALL SAINTS' DAY IS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH

- *Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. (Psalm 116:15)*
- Join us for All Saints' Day during worship on November 5th as we recall those saints of First Federated Church who passed to the Church Triumphant this past year.
- Worshipers will also have the opportunity to light a memorial votive candle in memory of a loved one.



Fellowship,
as we love and care for one another.

FFC'S ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY

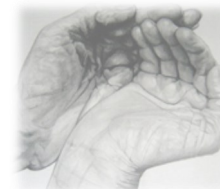
- Sunday, November 26th, 5:00 pm
- Central Room of our Life Together Center
- Entry Cost: Decorating Candy to share & a donation to the food pantry
- Reservation required! Signup at reception desk, on our website: ffcpeoria.com/get-connected/children, call the church office at 309-685-5258.
- ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

- Following our 10:00 am worship service each Sunday in the Commons.
- Friends and families gather to catch up and plan to get together in the coming week.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SPECIAL EVENTS & FELLOWSHIP

- Senior Highs join in worship and become a bigger part of our Life Together.
- Junior Highs participate in Sunday school and head-out together for special events.



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

SHOEBOX SUNDAY ISN'T JUST FFC . . . IT IS WORLDWIDE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

- **Packing** - From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world.
- **Collecting** - Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off locations for shoeboxes the third week of November every year.
- **Shipping** - Thousands of volunteers serve annually preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.
- **Worldwide Distribution** - Shoeboxes ship to more than 100 countries.
- **Outreach Events** - Pastors around the world host shoebox distributions in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him.
- **Discipleship & Multiplication** - Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

IT ALL STARTS WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Annual Congregational Meeting



The Annual meeting of First Federated Church of Peoria, Illinois, will be on Sunday, November 19th, 2017, following the 10:00 am worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Receive the report of the Nominating Committee;
2. The election of officers;
3. The approval of the 2018 annual budget, as presented by the Executive Board; and
4. Other business related to the above items.



First Federated Church of Peoria

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



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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

**"Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Farmers are getting into their fields as combines and grain trucks lumber down county roads. The smell of corn and beans rest upon the country air in the early morning haze and the last rays of day.

In our first couple of parishes, farmers would take a load or two to the local grain elevator and say, "This load is the Church's." Others would put signs that declared "God's Acre" on a corner or two of their fields. Fall harvest heralds the end of a season as well as the uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving, a holiday increasingly overshadowed by Halloween and Christmas.

In one of his letters to the Thessalonians, Paul wrote, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." God imprinted a spirit of gratitude upon the human heart. In that spirit we set aside a percentage of our own income and time and ask ourselves if we are doing not only what God wants us to do but to be. We are challenged to strive for significance more than success. When we do this, we become a Glimpse of Grace.

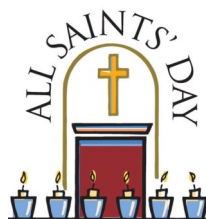


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Worship, As we praise and glorify God.

Celebrating Communion

We will celebrate Communion at both the 8:00 and 10:00 am All Saint's Sunday November 5th.



In Remembrance

Sunday, November 5th we will celebrate All Saints' Day and serve Communion at both the 8:00 and 10:00 am services as we recall those saints of First Federated Church who passed to the Church Triumphant this past year.

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

Passport To Hope



A Missions Committee Fall Fundraiser Thank You TO:

El Higus (Event Chair), Jessica Sheley (Event Co-Chair), Marylee Bales, Billie Block, Rebecca Clifton, Pat Fenoglia, Donna Forbis, Timm Higus, Kent Kowalske, Cheryl Resnick, Linda Sahn, Clare Seshul, Kim Snarr, Sheila Snarr, Sally Stone, Jan Vaughn, Mike VerKuilen, Linda Washkuhn-Sutkowski, and Ann Williams; Kindergarten through 5th Grade Sunday school students and their parents, FFC Senior High students, Youth Music Illinois students Andrei Gabor and Albert Li on Violin, and Felix Yang and Monica Baldwin on Cello, Larry Harms & Friends Jazz Group, A Matter of Taste Catering, and RJ Distributing.

We don't have the final numbers yet but we can give you the following figures: We had 68 donated "baskets" up for auction; 93 reservations, 2 live musical groups, 11 "metal" sponsors and 4 corporate sponsors.

'Tis The Season . . . Almost!



FFC Giving Tree

Please bring a smile to the face of a young person by providing them something special and new this Christmas. The Giving tree will be placed in the Commons by mid-November and will benefit children from Common Place and Crittenton Center.

You can choose one or more stars, purchase the gifts, and place the wrapped gifts with star firmly attached to the outside of the gift back under the tree.

Mission Committee volunteers will deliver the gifts mid-December for Christmas delivery to the recipients!

Annual FFC Christmas Catalog



Each year our Missions Committee prepares a special "Gifting Catalog" packed with descriptions of local organizations chosen to reflect our concern and caring for the young, the elderly, and the vulnerable in our community.

This catalog will reach your mail box early in December and represents a unique giving opportunity.

Advent Sundays (except December 10th - Cantata Sunday) will feature one of our catalog mission concerns during a "Mission Moment" at the 10 am worship service.



Crittenton Stocking Stuffer Store

Once again we will partner with the Crittenton Centers and provide a shopping experience for preschoolers in their related programs. Volunteers are always welcomed to help little ones pick out gifts for Mom and Dad, Brother and Sister, Grandma and Grandpa. Watch the Home Edition and 1stNews for this year's shopping date. For more information, please contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

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.

November Snack Pack

Holiday Date Adjustments:

Veteran's Day - November 10th:

- Pack and deliver on Thursday, November 9th.

Thanksgiving

- Pack and deliver on Tuesday, November 21st.

Fellowship, as we love and care for one another.

Our Church Family ~ A Matter of Record

Blessings Delivered

- October 3rd, George Smith Selburg, parents are Katie & Mike, grandparents are Margie & Ken Selburg
- September 29th, Jensen Curtis Barch, parents are Natalie & Kale, grandparents are Lisa & Rev. Steve Barch.
- September 23rd, Eleanor "Ellie" Jane Delinski, parents are Stacey and Joe Delinski, grandparents are Jane & Jim Rosenbaum.

Weddings *(by Rev. Krummel in our Sanctuary)*

- September 30th, Amanda McCarty (M) to Douglas Meyer
- October 7th, Christina Graves to Jason Power (M)

Completed This Part of Life

- October 1st, Marjorie (Midge) Novotny
- October 2nd, Kathryn (Kay) Bennett
- October 4th, Ellen Ketcham
- October 5th, Douglas Long, Brother of David Long

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

Our Next New Member dates are in December

- We formally welcome new members into the life of our church 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, 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 at skjt@mtco.com.

EVENT: The Next Saturday Night Live event will be Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 pm. The group will enjoy dinner at PVII (8305 N. Allen Road, Peoria). Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending!

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-102 or zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

EVENT: Details of the next event are on the way!

KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY ▪ The next meeting is Tuesday, November 7th, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge. If you are interested or have questions, please contact 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, November 21st at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room.

FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB ▪ The Women's will meet Wednesday, December 6th at noon. This month our program will include the Illini Bluff Madrigal Singers, directed by our own Emma Boulton. Lunch will be served. Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

THE FFC BOOK CLUB ▪ The club will meet Saturday, December 2nd, 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 Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.



Children's Ministry

COMING UP IN SUNDAY SCHOOL Kindergarten – 5th Grade

- Sunday, November 5th: Shoebox Sunday, *Central Room*
- Sunday, November 12th: Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 19th: Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 26th: Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Saturday, December 2nd: Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
10:30 am -12:00 pm, *Great Hall*
- Sunday, December 3rd: Christmas Program
5:00 pm, *Great Hall*

SHOEBOX SUNDAY

November 5th

NO DONATIONS OF SHOEBOXES NEEDED THIS YEAR!

SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED—

- **Personal items:** Toothbrush/paste, bar soap, lip balm, flip flops, hair brush
- **Small toys & hard candy:** Stuffed animal, flashlight/batteries, mini-balls, pens & notebooks, crayons, etc.
- **Please DO NOT include:** Anything that spills, oozes, melts, is expired, or can be a weapon.



On November 6th, the Sunday school children and youth will be packing & wrapping shoeboxes for children around the world through Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to fill 100 shoe boxes. Each shoe box costs \$7 to ship so donations are helpful too!!

Drop off your supplies in one of the boxes outside the Commons until 10 am November 6th.



LOGOS

"Like VBS once a week!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR JANUARY DATES

January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st!

THANK YOU

To all of our Logos volunteers, including our table parents and cooks! We had a great time!



Sign-up sheet at reception desk, sign up online, use this QR with your smart phone or go to our website: ffcpeoria.com



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION?

Our annual Gingerbread House Party will be held on Sunday, November 26th at 5:00 pm in The Life Together Center.

Jessica Sheley ♦ ☎309-685-5258 X-105 📧 jshelsey@ffcpeoria.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Children will rehearse each week during Sunday school Beginning Sunday, November 13th.

Saturday, December 2nd: Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal, 10:30 am -12:00 pm, *Great Hall*

Sunday, December 3rd: Christmas Program 5:00 pm, *Great Hall*



Junior Highs (6th - 8th Graders)

Junior High Events

- **Friday, November 10th:** Games/Dinner at FFC (Scatterball, etc.)
- **Saturday, November 25th:** Help with Gingerbread Party set-up @ LTC (10-1:00pm)
- **Sunday, November 26th:** Gingerbread Party (5pm)
- **Friday, December 8th:** Jr. High Christmas Party (5:30-7:30pm) Site - TBA

Confirmation Teaching Retreat

Sunday, November 5th, 11:15 am ~ 4:00 pm
Life Together Center (LTC) - Garden Room

- Please wear your t-shirt!



Senior Highs (9th - 12th Graders)

Senior High Sunday School /Fellowship Sunday Evenings

5:30 to 7:00 pm

- 3rd floor Youth Rooms
- 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.
- This QR Code will take you to the website or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4caea728abfa7-sunday1>



"Believe" ~ A Bible Study

- Mondays, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
- Final class is Monday, November 13th
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center

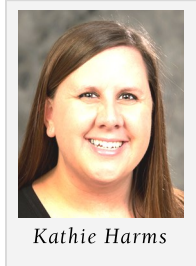
Off Campus Bible Studies

- Will not meet November 23rd, Thanksgiving Break
- Each Thursday at:
 - Independence Village at 9:15 am
Rev. Zach Lysdahl will lead this group.
 - Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am
Rev. Frosty Krummel will lead this group before his departure on sabbatical and again upon his return. Rev. Lysdahl will fill in while Frosty is away.

Meditation Group

- Will not meet November 16th and 23rd, Thanksgiving Break
- Thursdays at 10:00 am
- Memorial Lounge
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or avoll@comcast.net.

The Preschools at FFC



Kathie Harms



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

November Events

Preschool Thanksgiving Celebration

Wednesday, November 22nd
10:15 am
FFC Gym, 2nd floor

Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd
Friday, November 24th

Volunteering Time & 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!

Prayer Ministry ~ Pastoral Care

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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Gingerbread House Party

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 5:00 PM, FFC'S LIFE TOGETHER CENTER

Get a great start to the Advent season with your children or grandchildren at our annual Gingerbread House Party. This event includes an awesome homemade dinner and gingerbread house decorating.

Your only cost is to bring a bag of decorating candy to share and a canned good for Friendship House's food pantry.

Reservation Required! See sign-up sheet at reception desk or sign up online at our website: ffcpeoria.com, see the link on the home page - so we know how many houses to bake and how much food to prepare.

Gingerbread Baking Dates

Gather in the 2nd floor kitchen.
Sundays,
November 5th, 12th & 19th
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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



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