



# Our Life Together

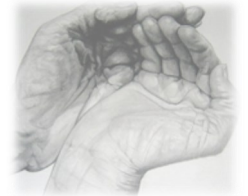
As We Make Disciples Through . . .



**Worship,**  
*as we praise and glorify God.*



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



**World Communion Sunday is October 1st**

- . We will join Christians around the world in the celebration of Communion, one of the two sacraments celebrated in our tradition.
- . You will also have an opportunity to participate in a special World Communion Sunday offering that will go to an international mission partner.
- . This year's recipient will be our mission partners in East Africa, Wana Wa Mola.
- . Look for the contribution envelope included in this newsletter.
- . Join in the celebration of the faith that unites us and participate in a ministry that is changing lives and shaping the future.

**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.*



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



**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.

**LOGOS**

- . Midweek Children's Ministry for Preschool - 5th grade featuring ministry, manners, food, and fun.

**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.



**First Federated Church** of Peoria

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



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Monday - Friday

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

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# Glimpse of Grace



Frosty

***“And when the women went to the tomb they found it empty.”***

***Luke's gospel.***

The picture is that of a “Resurrection” lily in our front yard. They go by a variety of other names, too. They are scattered around the edges of our yard. I suspect that sometimes a squirrel or two may dig one up and “replant” it. The flower is called a Resurrection lily because its first bloom is in the Spring, generally around Easter—the day of Resurrection in the Christian faith. Occasionally it blooms in late summer or early fall. Then it dies back and is generally forgotten, at least by me, before it shoots once again up through the earth and proclaims a new beginning.

Life is full of new beginnings. The idea of new beginnings lies at the heart of the Christian faith. A loved one, a relationship or a way of life dies but by the grace of God something new grows in the empty space.

At this time of year it is good to reflect upon the spring and summer seasons that have come to an end. Something new is about to begin. Something beautiful. Something unexpected. It is good that when the women went to the tomb that they found it empty. It is good because it was a herald that God was doing something new. And God is still at it, in your life.



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## Worship, As we praise and glorify God.

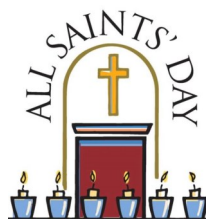
### Celebrating Communion

We will celebrate Communion at both the 8:00 and the 10:00 am World Communion Sunday services on October 1st.



### 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

**Missions Committee Fall Fundraiser**

**Friday, October 20th**

**In the Great Hall of our Life Together Center**



- Have you received your invitation? You may also R.S.V.P. on our website. Look for the Passport To Hope logo on our home page.
- Committees, groups, families or individuals are welcome to donate a silent auction item or themed basket.
- Event sponsorship and program advertising opportunities are still available.
- Please contact El Higus through the church office at 309-685-5258.

## FFC Rummage Sale - Thank You!



**Total: \$13,215.37 (after expenses)**

## 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

### Births

- July 24th, Leighton Grace Carter Wellford, daughter of Meg (Leiter) and Carter Wellford. Grandparents are Barbara and Tom Leiter.
- September 23rd, Eleanor "Ellie" Jane Delinski, daughter of Stacey (Rosenbaum) and Joe Delinski. Grandparents are Jim and Jane Rosenbaum. Aunt, Uncle, and Cousins - Sarah, Stephen, Drew and Hannah Breidert.

### Completed This Part of Life

- August 31st, Henry "Hank" Lawrence
- September 15th, Phillip Withrow
- September 23rd, Mary Steveson
- September 25th, R. Field Triebel

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 at 309-685-5258.

**EVENT: Details about our November event will be coming soon!**

**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](mailto:zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com).

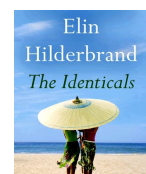
**EVENT: Saturday, October 21st, 6:00 to 8:30 pm ~ Potluck Dinner at the Richardson's. Reservations are required by October 18th to Rev. Zach at [zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com).**

**KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY** ▪ The next meeting is **Tuesday, October 3rd, at 9:00 am in the Memorial Lounge**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Racine through 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, October 17th at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room**.

**FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB** ▪ The Women's will meet **Wednesday, October 25th at noon**. This month we will have *A Halloween Party*, lunch will be served with fun and games to follow. Costumes encouraged but not required! 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 at 309-685-5258.

**THE FFC BOOK CLUB** ▪ The club will meet **Saturday, October 28th, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for October will be *The Identicals* by Elin Hilderbrand



## Congregational Meeting Report

First Federated Church  
Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting  
September 17, 2017

The special congregational meeting of First Federated Church was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr. at 11:00 a.m.

Michael VerKuilen, Vice-Moderator, presented the only item of business as follows:

1. To act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Executive Board and Board of Deacons to amend the Federation Agreement as follows:
  - a. Make the term of Deacon service two years instead of three years;
  - b. Reduce the number of active Deacons from 30 to a minimum of 18 deacons.

After debate the congregation voted by paper ballot. The Moderator appointed John Mooney and Vice-Moderator, Michael VerKuilen, to count the votes. The motion was approved 100 - 16.

Rev. Krummel adjourned the meeting with prayer at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne D. Mooney  
Clerk of the Congregation

## Executive Board

*(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** . . . . . Michael VerKuilen

### Class of 2017

Fiona O'Laughlin, (PCUSA); Allan Hedeman, (UCC); Ralph Schoen, (PCUSA); Mike Verkuilen, (UCC)

### 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)

## Board of Deacons

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

### Class of 2017

Jim Christopher, Marianne Klisares, Helen Nixon, John Nixon, Kim Predmore, Jessica Sheley, Joyce Smith, Lauren Sokn

### Class of 2018

Barb Hein, Carol Nelson, Roberta Schroff (Moderator), Rick Snarr, and Sally Stone

### Class of 2019

Vicki Bailey, Donna Bantis, Ted Bantis, Trish Fordyce, Kay Hulin, Bob Montgomery, Carol Sleeth, and Sheila Snarr

## Nominating Committee

### Class of 2017

Kent Kowalske (UCC), John Mooney (PCUSA), Robin Simpson (PCUSA), Tom Simpson (UCC)

### Class of 2018

Jill Koch (UCC), John Morris (PCUSA), Ron Silver (UCC), Kim Snarr (PCUSA)

## Clerk of the Congregation

Suzanne Mooney (PCUSA)

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

## This Month In Sunday School ▪ Kindergarten – 5th Grade

**Memory Verse:** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much" Luke 16:10a, NIV

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

**Life App:** Stewardship ~ Taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God.

### Sunday, October 1st

**Bible Story:** The Earth belongs to the Lord - Psalm 24:1

**Bottom Line:** Remember, everything belongs to God

### Sunday, October 8th

**Bible Story:** Teach us to number our days - Psalm 90:12, NIV

**Bottom Line:** Use your time wisely

### Sunday, October 15th

**Bible Story:** Parable of the talents - Matthew 24:14-30

**Bottom Line:** Use your things wisely

### Sunday, October 22nd

**Bible Story:** God loves a cheerful giver - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**Bottom Line:** Use your money wisely

### Sunday, October 29th

**Bible Story:** Treasures in heaven - Matthew 6:19-24

**Bottom Line:** Live like you know what really matters

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

### September Junior High Series: "Stuck"

This month in Sunday school, the junior high students will complete a series about how when we feel trapped in our friendships, emotions, or decisions, we can make a positive change through our thoughts and actions.

### Junior High Fellowship Event Fired Up!

Friday, October 6th - 6:00 to 7:30 pm

- Fired Up! at 4532 N Prospect Road in Peoria Heights
- Activity: Pottery painting - Bring \$10 for supplies
- Food: Avanti's gondolas (provided by the church)
- Parents are welcome to join us!
- RSVP to Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com



### 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's Remain In Worship

Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service

- Senior Highs will celebrate the Lord's Day Service together.

### 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
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center

**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 9:00 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.

*The Preschools at FFC*



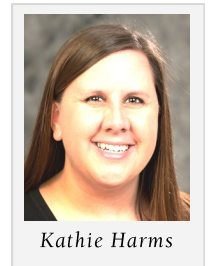
**October Events**

**Preschool Picture Days**

- **Wednesday, October 4th**
- **Thursday, October 5th**
- For more information contact Kathie Harms at 309-685-5258, X-108 or kharms@ffcpeoria.com.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences**

- **Thursday, October 12th**
- **Friday, October 13th**
- Set appointments with your teacher.
- For more information contact your child's teacher.



Kathie Harms

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**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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## LOGOS



## Children's Midweek Ministry

- **Wednesdays in October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**
- **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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