



Our Life Together As We

Make disciples through . . .



Worship, as we praise and glorify God.

Sunday, September 10th marks the start of our 80th Program year here at First Federated Church.

Join us as . . .

- Sunday school begins again for our Preschool through 8th grade children (Page 6).
- Our Senior Highs worship with us each Sunday.
- We celebrate Communion at our 10:00 am worship service (Page 2).
- Our 8th graders embark on the path to Confirmation and become adult members of Our Life Together (Page 6).
- Our Preschoolers and 3rd graders receive Bibles on Sunday, September 24th (Page 6).



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

- Our Meditation Group and Our Off-Campus Bible Studies resume Thursday, September 14th.
- Our "Believe" Bible Study continues, led by Rev. Steve Barch each Monday afternoon.
- Our new Director of Children's Ministry, Children's and Youth leaders are preparing for this new program year.

(Christian Education details are on pages 6 and 7.)



Fellowship, as we love and care for one another.

Join us for . . .

- Fellowship following our 10:00 am worship service each Sunday in the Commons.
- Our Kick-Off Sunday Celebration following the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, September 10th.
- Our All-Church Celebration Brunch between the 8:00 am and the 10:00 am worship services on Sunday, September 24th. Reservations required.

(Fellowship details are on pages 4 and 5.)



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

Join us for . . .

- Our Snack Pack snack assembly each Thursday morning.
- The planning of our Fall Missions fundraiser - Passport To Hope.
- The Thomas Jefferson Study Buddy program.
- Our continuing mission to contribute food and personal care items to Peoria Friendship House Food Pantry & The Center for the Prevention of Abuse.

(Missions details are on page 3.)



First Federated Church of Peoria

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



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Monday - Friday

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

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Glimpse of Grace



Frosty

A Story of a Ten Dollar Bill and a Quarter

One morning as I took the clear inexpensive cover off of a pair of trousers fresh from the dry cleaners there was a sealed envelope stapled around the hanger. In bold letters were the words, OPEN IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT THROW AWAY.

When I opened the envelope I found a folded ten dollar bill! Evidently I had left it in a pocket by accident. I was impressed by the values of the cleaners and the honesty of whoever checked my trousers before cleaning.

That evening my wife told me that when she took my grandson with her to get her car washed, they saw something that they had never seen before. An employee was riding in the car as it was pulled through the wash. He appeared to be doing something in the car, largely unnoticed, except by my grandson and wife!

When my grandson and wife got in the car she saw that a quarter that she keeps in a tray was missing. She asked the assistant and then the manager of the car wash about it. They asked the employee who rode through the car wash and no quarter was found. She was even made to feel like a liar.

As she told me what happened I couldn't help but to remember Jesus' words; One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. (v. Luke 16:10)

That \$10 bill and that quarter, said it all.

Lord, make me faithful of a little so I will be seen in Your eyes as worthy as being faithful over a lot. Amen

Rev. Dr. Forrest 'Frosty' Krummel, Jr. ☎ 309-685-5258, X-11 📧 fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com

Worship, As we praise and glorify God.

Celebrating Communion

Beginning in September we will celebrate Communion at both the 8:00 and the 10:00 am services each month.

This September we will celebrate Communion at the 8:00 am service on September 3rd. Our 10:00 am Communion celebration will take place on Sunday, September 10th to coincide with Kick-Off Sunday!

Going forward, Communion will be served at both the 8:00 and the 10:00 services on the first Sunday of the month. Our October Communion will be Sunday, October 1st, World Communion Sunday.



FFC Rummage Sale

Thank You!

- Thank you to the many members and friends who gave of their time and talent to help make our rummage sale a success.
- Thank you to the many members and friends who donated their unneeded treasure and those who bought great bargains!

Passport To Hope

Missions Committee Fall Fundraiser Friday, October 20th In our Life Together Center

- Planning has begun for this event.
- Event Committee volunteers welcome.
- Silent Auction donations welcome.
- Event program advertising welcome.
- Please contact El Higus through the church office at 309-685-5258.



Snack Pack Begins September 14th

Packing weekend snacks for children at Whittier Primary school

- Volunteers gather each Thursday morning at 8:45 am
- Warehouse of the Life Together Center.

Calling All Thomas Jefferson "Study Buddies"



The new school year has begun!

- 2017-2018 volunteer forms are available in the church office.
- Will need to have valid photo ID, (copy can be made in office) to accompany form.
- Stop by to complete form or call 309-685-5258 or email cwalter@ffcpeoria.com to have a form sent to you.

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.

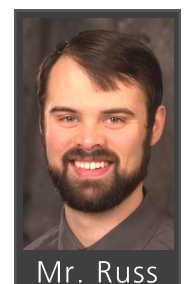
Music Ministry

Become a Patron of the Arts

This December, First Federated Church will once again host the Peoria Area Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, under the direction of Dr. John Jost of Bradley University. This is a wonderful musical event.

To host such a project does cost, as we fairly compensate the orchestra and guest soloists which create the backbone of the performance. If you would like to sponsor this event, or a portion, I would love to speak with you. Want your name or an organization listed by the violin section in the program? We can do that. Want to support one of the soloist? We can do that. Care to provide funds for the reception?

This is a great, powerful musical service which walks the singing audience through the life and ministry of Christ. So, please think, pray, and consider helping with this classic tradition.



Mr. Russ

Fellowship, as we love and care for one another.

Our Church Family ~ A Matter of Record

Baptism

- August 3rd, Oliver Matthew Nelson, son of Amber and Matt , brother of Owen and Olivia.

Completed This Part of Life

- August 9th, Ellen Bledsoe
- August 16th, John (Jack) Porter
- August 21st, Jeanne B. Triebel
- August 25th, William (Bill) Carley

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 Sunday is Sunday, September 24th.

- 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.



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: Saturday, September 16th at 6:00 pm ~ Thyme Kitchen, 736 S.W. Washington Street, downtown Peoria.
Your reservation is required by September 13th if you plan to attend. Call 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.

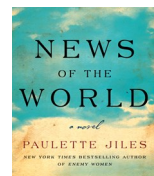
EVENT: Saturday, October 21st, 6:00 to 8:30 pm ~ Potluck Dinner at the Richardson's. Reservations are required by October 18th to Rev. Zach at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY ▪ The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 5th, 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, September 19th at 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room.**

FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB ▪ The Women's Club will kick off the new year with a meeting on **Wednesday, September 27th at noon.** The program will be "Walking in the Steps of Jesus" by Cindy Winkler. Lunch will be served. 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, September 23rd, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615).** The book for September will be News of the World by Paulette Jiles.



80th Program Year

Kick-Off Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- Following the 10:00 am worship service.
- Cook-Out with all the fixins'
- FFC / LTC Grounds if weather is fair
- Fun and games for children & youth
- FFC Small Group Activity and Service Opportunity information will be available
- To volunteer to help with this event contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

Hope To Pack The Room!

All-Church Brunch Celebration!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

- Delicious Catered Full Brunch
- LTC Great Hall
- Join us anytime between services as we gather to celebrate our church Life Together by celebrating our new school year and stewardship campaign.
- RSVP by September 15th. You may visit our website (*use the QR Code with your smart phone or tablet*) or contact the church secretary, Cecelia, at 309.685.5258 or email info@ffcpeoria.com.



Volunteering Time & Talent

Prayer Ministry ~ Pastoral Care

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!



Prayers, Pastoral Calls, Hospital Visits or Home Communion

Give the office a call at 309-685-5258

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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This Month In Sunday School

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times, they are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17 NIV

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

Life App: Friendship ~ Using your words and actions to show others you care.

Sunday, September 3rd

Veggie Tails and popcorn, 3rd floor Junior High room

Sunday, September 10th ~ Kickoff Sunday!

This week in Sunday school the children will be meeting their teachers and classmates and playing introductory games, followed by fun and food at our Kick-Off Sunday Celebration on the church grounds.

Sunday, September 17th

Bible Story: Holding Out for the Arrows, *John 13:34*

Bottom Line: Friends love one another

Sunday, September 24th

Bible Story: Take on Thee, *Romans 15:7*

Bottom Line: Friends accept one another.

Hello!

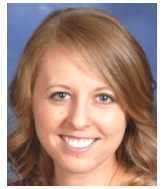
My name is Jessica Sheley and I am excited to be your new Director of Children's Ministry.

I live in Peoria with my husband, Luke, and our two year old daughter, Violet. We are also expecting a new addition to our family in February, 2018.

Luke and I have been members at First Federated for over six years. Throughout my church experience, I have been involved with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Stronghold, the Senior High Mission Trip, and I am currently a Deacon.

Professionally, I have been a Reading Specialist for Elementary School students for the past eight years.

I am looking forward to spending more time at home with my family as I take on this new role. Thank you for the opportunity to work with the children of FFC!



Bible Dedication and Workshop



Sunday, September 24th

- New preschool Sunday school students will receive their Storybook Bibles.
- Third graders will receive their 3rd grade Bibles.
- All 3rd graders and their parents will gather together for a Bible workshop during Sunday school.
- Look for your invitation in the mail!

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

Junior Highs (6th - 8th Graders)

September Junior High Series: "Reality Show"

This month in Sunday school, the Junior High students will complete a 3-week series about how when we feel our families are fractured, frustrating, and full of drama, we can choose to improve our attitudes toward them by acting with compassion, love, forgiveness, and respect.

We'll talk about the issues that make our families feel like a reality show. As we look at one of the Bible's most famously-fractured families, we'll see how God can use every family for His good, even ours.

Junior High Fellowship Event Elevate Trampoline Park!

Friday, September 8th

6:00 pm - Gather at Elevate Trampoline Park

- 8800 N Allen Rd, Peoria, IL 61615
- Dinner - Pizza at Elevate
- 7:30 pm - Parents pick-up at Elevate
- Cost of Elevate admission & pizza will be covered by FFC.



Confirmation Orientation

Sunday, September 10th, 9:00 ~ 9:40 am

Life Together Center (LTC) - Garden Room

- Come meet our Confirmation Team
- Sign-up and get the schedule of classes
- All 8th graders and their parents are invited to attend!

Confirmation Fellowship Overnight Retreat

Friday, September 29th - Saturday, September 30th

Pilgrim Park Retreat Center in Princeton, IL

- Leave church at 4:00 pm Friday and return around 3:00 pm Saturday.
- Watch your mail for more details!

Rev. Zach Lysdahl ♦ ☎309-685-5258 X-12 ✉zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com

Senior Highs (9th - 12th Graders)

Senior High Sunday School /Fellowship Sunday Evenings

Begins Sunday, September 17th
5:30 to 7:00 pm

- 3rd floor Youth Rooms
- Dinner will be provided.

Senior High's Remain In Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 10th

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

Senior High Fellowship Event Elevate Trampoline Park!



Sunday, September 10th

Following Kick-Off Sunday events ~ Gather at Elevate Trampoline Park

- 8800 N Allen Rd, Peoria, IL 61615
- Transportation will be on your own.
- Cost of Elevate admission will be covered by FFC.

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>



Adult Christian Education

"Believe" ~ A Bible Study

- Mondays, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center

Meditation Group

- Will resume Thursday, September 14th at 10:00 am
- Memorial Lounge
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or avoll@comcast.net.

Off Campus Bible Studies

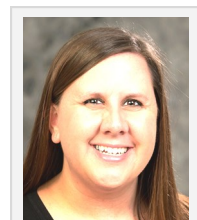
- Thursday Bible Studies will resume on September 14th.
- Independence Village at 9:00 am
Rev. Zach Lysdahl will lead this group.
- Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am
Rev. Frosty Krummel will lead this group before his departure on sabbatical and again upon his return. Rev. Lysdahl will fill in while Frosty is away.

The Preschools at FFC



September Dates

Monday, September 4th ~ Labor Day, Preschool Closed
Friday, September 8th ~ Grandparents Day



Kathie Harms

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- Fun and games for children & youth
- FFC Small Group Activity and Service Opportunity information will be available
- To volunteer to help with this event contact: Jessica Sheley at jsheley@ffcpeoria.com or Rebecca Clifton at 309-657-5265, or Elizabeth Allen at 309-258-0953, or you may call the church office at 309-685-5258.



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



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