



# Life Together

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2nd

- 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.
- Join in the celebration of the faith that unites us and participate in a ministry that is changing lives and shaping the future.



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

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## JOIN US FOR THIS 9-WEEK COURSE!

- Beginning Sunday, October 16th
- Each Sunday until Thanksgiving, then finishing up in January.
- Following 10:00 am worship
- Each class is up to 90 minutes and includes a light meal.
- Cost to each family is \$102.
- Use the QR code to the right with your smart phone for registration or visit [ffcpeoria.com](http://ffcpeoria.com).



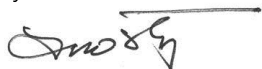
*A poet once wrote,  
 "Somehow viewing the stranger as a face of God changes him as well as me.  
 For if I have seen God in him. How can he see less in himself?"*

This month's *Glimpse of Grace* is found in the faces of the children of Wana Wa Mola.

Children who were once called "garbage people" but who are now called "God's Children" - *Wana Wa Mola*.

With each child we share their name and a bit of their wisdom.

Because of your support and prayers, lives are being changed in the Peoria area and a continent away.




**Philip**

"Good things come to those who wait, but greater things come to those who act."



**Saidi**

"Happiness is being satisfied with what you have, while you're in pursuit of what you want."

**Kimani**  
 "Be positive and trust the timing of everything. Just because it's not happening right now doesn't mean it never will. Stay patient."



**Ondiek**

"Stay positive and do whatever makes you happy."



**Joseph**  
 "If you were asked to name all the things that you love, how long would it take you before you think of naming yourself?"



**Michael**

"Don't worry, don't stress. Be grateful for your blessings and learn to let go of what you can't change."

**Matano**  
 "Cleanse your mind of all bad vibes and let the good vibes flow in."



**James**

"Two things define you. Your patience when you have nothing, and your attitude when you have everything."



**Mwenje**

"You can't have a better tomorrow if you're always thinking about yesterday."



**Mwangi Joseph**

"Mistakes, Failures, Insult, Frustration and Rejections are Part of Progress and Growth. No body ever Achieved anything Worthwhile without Facing these Five Things. Believe in yourself. Always believe best is yet to come !!!"

**Solomon**  
 "You can't have a better tomorrow if you're always thinking about yesterday."



**Jumane**  
 "Being told you're appreciated is one of the most simplest and uplifting things you can hear."





## The Gathering

In a recent conversation with a church member, I was reminded that there are bits and pieces of the Lord's Day service that often go unexplained. Maybe you have thought the same. When you open the bulletin Sunday morning you read all sorts of subtitles that seem to act as place markers in the service. These subtitles, however, are much deeper and richer than mere signposts, indicating how far along we are in our time together. There is intention behind each. Together these pieces provide the form of the service and help lead us in worshiping and praising God. In the coming months I'd like to share with you the meaning behind the different pieces included in the Lord's Day Service.

What exactly is the Lord's Day? Since the beginning of Christianity Christians have gathered together on the first day of the week to hear the word of the Lord, the Bible, read and to proclaim and celebrate the Lord's Supper. So the Lord's Day is a designated time when Christians gather together to worship the Triune God. Why does it happened on Sunday and not, say, Wednesday? Because the early Christians recognized the importance of the resurrection and the day on which it happened. The Holy Scriptures tell us that happened on Sunday. So on Sundays we remember and celebrate the resurrection. Therefore, our Sunday service is called the "Lord's Day" service (Rev. 1:10).

When you are in church and you have a bulletin in hand there are a few basic movements of the service for the Lord's Day. They are Gathering, The Word, The Eucharist, and the Sending. It is the Gathering I will focus on here. To begin part of the purpose of the Gathering is to communicate that worship begins with God. God has taken the initiative and called us into being. In the name of Christ we answer God's call, gather together with other Christians as the community of faith. As we gather together, we informally greet one another as members of the body of Christ. During the Gathering we may also pray silently or engage in quiet meditation. Sometimes during the Gathering music is played to help people focus their attention on God. The Gathering is also a time when church announcements are briefly given.

Within the Gathering is the "Call to Worship." The Call to Worship proclaims who God is and what God has done. Sometimes it is spoken by a single person. Sometimes it is sung; other times it is a responsive reading. Whatever way it is done the purpose is to remind us that our worship centers on God alone.

Following the Call to Worship is the "Prayer of The Day of Opening Prayer." This particular prayer is one of adoration. That is to say, we share with God our deep love and respect for God's presence in our lives. The prayer typically expresses some

theme of the day, the festival, or the season, which helps to shape the focus of the Lord's Day service. For instances, on Trinity Sunday this prayer would praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Next up is the first Hymn of the day. This hymn is also one of praise, telling of God's goodness, majesty, greatness, and love.

After that comes the "Confession" and "Pardon". The word of God instructs all who proclaim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, to share with God the reality of sin in person and communal life. Therefore, the Call to Confession leads us to a time when we share with God all of our shortcomings, misdeeds, and anything that we have done counter to the will of God. Sometimes there is a moment of silence, before or after the prayer, wherein we pray to God all that we cannot say aloud. As the word of God also tells us we are not left in our sin and misery. We have been pardoned and declared righteous before God through Jesus Christ. The Assurance of Pardon tells us of God's forgiving grace. By accepting God's forgiveness we are raised to a new life.

Then "The Peace" is sometimes exchanged by those gathered to worship God. It is a moment in the worship service where we share the sign of God's reconciliation and peace with one another. An exchange of the Peace you might be familiar with is "The peace of Christ be with you." In response we say "And also with you." In sharing the Peace, we express the unity and love that comes only from God. When The Peace is passed we open ourselves up to the power of God's love and healing.

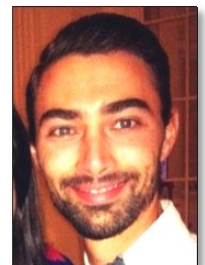
The last part of the Gathering is another Hymn. This hymn is one of gladness, a song of praise for the gift of God's grace that brings us joy.

I hope this helps give a little insight into the beginning bits and pieces of the Lord's Day, what they mean and how they orient us to worship God.

*In the name of Christ  
we answer God's call,  
gather together  
with other Christians  
as the community of faith.*

Gathering  
Call to Worship  
Prayer of the Day/Opening Prayer  
Hymn  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
The Peace  
Hymn  
Grace and Peace to you,

*Rev. Zach*  
Zach



## FFC BEGINS A NEW HABITAT HOUSE

### LOTS of volunteers needed as we begin our 5th Habitat for Humanity House!

Our build will be in Peoria Heights right on Prospect Road (4100 N Prospect across from Kaydee Kats Restaurant). We will be building for a young woman named Kenya Beck. Kenya is a single mother of one with a good job, and has already put many service hours in at the ReStore on Main. Kenya is very excited to help.

Similar to last year, we will not have a consistent build partner for this one. Various groups will work on alternate Saturdays with us. We will volunteer to support the three day blitz to start the build.

The schedule and sign up sheets will be posted as soon as that information is available.

Please let all your friends at church know we are "on" for a Habitat build.

**Be part of this exciting learning and giving experience.**



## Our Ongoing FFC Missions

### SNACK PACK MINISTRY FOR WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Snack Pack Assembly, Thursday mornings at 9:00 am
- FFC's Life Together Center, Warehouse (*Double doors at far West end facing parking lot*)

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Single serving packs of oatmeal, cheese & crackers, ramen, fruit cups, etc.



### 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.
- Collections 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.
- Collections bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.



## In His Service



### FFC WORK DAYS

- Saturdays October 1st and November 5th
- 9:00 am to Noon
- Come at 8:30 for coffee, juice, donuts & fellowship
- Questions? Contact Eric Judd at 309-685-5258, X-32 or ejudd@ffcpetoria.com

### SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED!

There is a wide open schedule for Ushers, Greeters, and Fellowship Hour Hosts.

### GREETERS & USHERS

- Would you consider serving a couple Sundays?
- It is VERY simple and you'll be given whatever instruction you need.
- Contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or use the QR code to go to the Sign-Up Genius website.



### FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

- See the sign-up sheet at the reception desk or call the church office at 309-685-5258.
- It is VERY simple and you'll be given whatever instruction you need.



We want members of First Federated Church to be **connected** to God, our church, and each other. To that end, we would like to know more about you so that we know *how* to help you get engaged and so that, ultimately, you feel fulfilled by your membership here. We hope that you will complete this survey and return it to the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Interest at FFC

This is NOT a commitment on your part; it is merely telling us areas where you *might* like to be involved. Most areas are *not* ongoing commitments, e.g. most ushers sign up for 1 Sunday at a time, not *every* Sunday; phone receptionists sign up for individual partial days.

Mark or circle any areas of interest (choose all that apply)

\_\_\_ **Worship & Hospitality**

Liturgist  
Usher & Greet  
Communion Preparation  
Audio/Visual  
Fellowship Hour Host

\_\_\_ **Music**

Adult Chancel Choir  
Hand Bell Choir  
Instrumentalist

\_\_\_ **Missions**

Community connection  
Committee

\_\_\_ **Fellowship & Social Activities**

Age-appropriate, social  
Singles  
Divorced Support  
Outdoor Adventures

\_\_\_ **Children & Youth Ministries**

Teach Sunday School  
Chaperone/Leader  
Planning, Hosting

\_\_\_ **Christian Education**

Prayer Team  
Bible/Book Study  
Parenting Classes  
Adult Education

\_\_\_ **Weekday Help**

Phone Reception  
Prep for Mailings

\_\_\_ **Wedding Team**

\_\_\_ **Computer/Website Assistance**

\_\_\_ **Meals Ministry**

\_\_\_ **Denominational Activities**

UCC or PC(USA)

\_\_\_ **Computer or website help**

\_\_\_ **Building & Grounds**

Maintenance  
Weeding, planting, trimming  
Light construction/carpentry  
Painting

### General Preferences

We want to have a good understanding of your style of involvement to help you connect in a way that YOU enjoy and makes you feel fulfilled.

I tend to enjoy (choose all that apply)

\_\_\_ Leading or overseeing

\_\_\_ Planning & organizing

\_\_\_ Short-term or 1-time projects/events

\_\_\_ Committee work

\_\_\_ Individual work

\_\_\_ Projects I can do at home

\_\_\_ Simple, quick tasks

\_\_\_ Brainstorming new ideas

\_\_\_ Caring for others

\_\_\_ Acting as a mentor

Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hobbies & Interests (mark all that apply)

**Sports & Outdoors**

Hiking  
Camping  
Skiing  
Walking  
Running  
Fishing  
Hunting  
Horseback Riding  
Team Sports  
Swimming  
Bicycling  
Bowling  
Golf  
Boating  
Dancing  
Tennis  
Billiards

**Personal Time**

Reading  
Watching Movies  
Computers  
Exercise  
Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting/Crafts

**Fine Arts**

Music  
Writing  
Painting  
Theater

**Working with Your Hands**

Carpentry  
Painting  
Gardening

**Other**

Entertaining  
Shopping  
Traveling  
Eating Out  
Playing Cards  
Cooking  
Working on Cars

**Additional:**

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Please return to the church office.  
Mail to: FFC, 3601 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604.  
Take a photo with your phone or tablet, email to [info@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:info@ffcpeoria.com).

## MATTER OF RECORD

### BIRTHS

- ❖ August 25th Zayden Bryant Quine. Proud parents are Danessa & Cliffe Quine and big sister, Makenzie.

### BAPTISMS

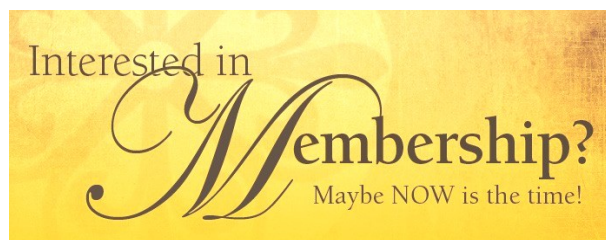
- ❖ September 4th, Grant Asher Kauk, son of Jessica & Corey Kauk
- ❖ September 4th, Frances Davison Leiter, daughter of Meghan & Matthew Leiter, granddaughter of Barbara & Tom Leiter.

### COMPLETED THIS PART OF LIFE

- ❖ September 5th, Joel Jensen
- ❖ September 6th, Gladys Marie Elwood, mother of Eric Elwood
- ❖ September 20th, Ray Yerby, brother of Ralph Yerby

*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.*



## INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FFC FAMILY?

**Our Next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 9th**

- 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 Kim Snarr, Director of Congregational Life at ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com.
- **And please make an extra effort to introduce yourself to new members at Fellowship Hour and invite them to special events!**

## 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 the church office at 309-685-5258.

### YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

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. Contact the church.

### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GROUP

This group is open to ALL ages who have enthusiasm for the outdoors. Our goal is to have fun, make new friends, strengthen bonds with old ones, and enjoy God's creation through recreation. Join us anytime and bring a friend!

### KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY

The group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, October 4th, 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, October 18th, 8:30 am Lutheran Hillside Village, private dining room**.

### FFC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will next meet on **Wednesday, October 26th, at 12 noon in the Commons**. Join us for Halloween festivities, lunch will be served with fun and games to follow. Costumes encouraged but not required! All ladies of the congregation are welcome. Please contact the church office at 309-685-5258 with any questions.

### THE FFC BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets **Saturday, October 22nd, at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615)**. The book for October is *Tell The Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt



**Saturday, October 1st**

10:00 am Depart for Confirmation Fellowship Retreat, *FFC Parking Lot*

**Sunday, October 2nd****World Communion Sunday**

8:00 am Worship, *Chapel*  
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*  
 11:00 am Fellowship, *Commons*  
 2:30 pm Return from Confirmation Fellowship Retreat, *FFC Parking Lot*  
 5:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, *Senior High Room, 3rd floor*

**Monday, October 3rd**

12:45 pm 'The Story', Bible Study, *LTC Lifetree Room*

**Tuesday, October 4th**

9:00 am Knitting Group, *Memorial Lounge*  
 4:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting, *Boardroom*

**Wednesday, October 5th**

1:30 pm Staff Meeting, *Memorial Lounge*  
 4:00 pm LOGOS, *Great Hall*

**Thursday, October 6th**

8:45 am Snack Pack Assembly, *LTC Warehouse*  
 9:15 am Independence Village Bible Study, *Community Room*  
 10:00 am Meditation Group, *Lifetree Room*  
 10:15 am Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, *Private Dining Room*  
 6:15 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

**Friday, October 7th**

9:30 am Passport To Hope - Set Up, *Great Hall*  
 6:00 pm Passport to Hope Event, *Great Hall*

**Saturday, October 8th**

Passport to Hope Event - Tear Down & Clean up, *LTC*

**Sunday, October 9th****New Member Sunday**

8:00 am Worship, *Chapel*  
 9:30 am New Member Meet & Greet, *Memorial Lounge*  
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*  
 11:00 am Fellowship, *Commons*  
 5:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, *Senior High Room, 3rd floor*

**Monday, October 10th**

12:45 pm 'The Story', Bible Study, *LTC Lifetree Room*  
 6:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, *Boardroom*

**Tuesday, October 11th****Wednesday, October 12th**

1:30 pm Staff Meeting, *Memorial Lounge*  
 4:00 pm LOGOS, *Great Hall*  
 6:15 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, *Boardroom*

**Thursday, October 13th**

8:45 am Snack Pack Assembly, *LTC Warehouse*  
 9:15 am Independence Village Bible Study, *Community Room*  
 10:00 am Meditation Group, *Lifetree Room*  
 10:15 am Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, *Private Dining Room*  
 6:15 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

**Friday, October 14th**

5:30 pm Junior Highs to Tanners

**Saturday, October 15th****Sunday, October 16th**

8:00 am Worship, *Chapel*  
 9:00 am Finance Committee Meeting, *Triebel Study*  
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*  
 11:00 am Fellowship, *Commons*  
 11:30 am Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, *Lifetree Room*  
 5:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, *Senior High Room, 3rd floor*

**Monday, October 17th**

12:45 pm 'The Story', Bible Study, *LTC Lifetree Room*

**Tuesday, October 18th**

8:30 am Old Buddies Breakfast, *LHV Private Dining room*

**Wednesday, October 19th**

1:30 pm Staff Meeting, *Location TBD*  
 4:00 pm LOGOS, *Great Hall*  
 6:30 pm FFC Executive Board Meeting, *Board Room*  
 6:30 pm FFC Board of Deacon's Meeting, *Trinity Room*

**Thursday, October 20th**

8:45 am Snack Pack Assembly, *LTC Warehouse*  
 9:15 am Independence Village Bible Study, *Community Room*  
 10:00 am Meditation Group, *Lifetree Room*  
 10:15 am Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, *Private Dining Room*  
 6:15 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

**Friday, October 21st****Saturday, October 22nd**

10:00 am The FFC Book Club, *Peoria Public Library North Branch*

**Sunday, October 23rd**

8:00 am Worship, *Chapel*  
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*  
 11:00 am Fellowship, *Commons*  
 11:30 am Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, *Lifetree Room*  
 5:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, *Senior High Room, 3rd floor*

**Monday, October 24th**

12:45 pm 'The Story', Bible Study, *LTC Lifetree Room*

**Tuesday, October 25th****Wednesday, October 26th**

12:00 pm FFC Women's Club, *Commons*  
 1:30 pm Staff Meeting, *Memorial Lounge*  
 4:00 pm LOGOS, *Great Hall*

**Thursday, October 27th**

8:45 am Snack Pack Assembly, *LTC Warehouse*  
 9:15 am Independence Village Bible Study, *Community Room*  
 10:00 am Meditation Group, *Lifetree Room*  
 10:15 am Lutheran Hillside Village Bible Study, *Private Dining Room*  
 11:30 am Retiree Fall Lunch, *Garden Room*  
 6:15 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

**Friday, October 28th**

9:00 am Preschool Halloween Party, *Central Room*

**Sunday, October 30th**

8:00 am Worship, *Chapel*  
 10:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary*  
 11:00 am Fellowship, *Commons*  
 11:30 am Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, *Lifetree Room*  
 5:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, *Senior High Room, 3rd floor*

**Monday, October 31st - Happy Halloween!**

12:45 pm 'The Story', Bible Study, *LTC Lifetree Room*





## THIS MONTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Kindergarten – 5th Grade

**Memory Verse:** "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9b, NIV

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

**Life App:** Courage—being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.

**Children's Offering:** to benefit Heifer International

#### October 2: "Basket Case" (World Communion Sunday)

**Bible Story:** Basket Case (Birth of Moses/Mom and Miriam with the basket) • Exodus 2:1-10

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen next.

*Children have the option to stay in worship with their families, however, Sunday school classes will still be held.*

#### October 9: "Plagueslist"

**Bible Story:** Plagueslist (Moses' calling/10 plagues) • Exodus 3; 4-6:12; 7-12:42

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready.

#### October 16: "Parting Waves"

**Bible Story:** Parting Waves (Moses and the Red Sea) • Exodus 13:17-14:31

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

#### October 23: "You Refuse, You Lose"

**Bible Story:** You Refuse, You Lose (Joshua and Caleb) • Numbers 13-14

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

#### October 30: "Marching Orders"

**Bible Story:** Marching Orders (Israel takes Jericho) • Joshua 5:13-6:27 (Set Up: Joshua 1:9)

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should because God is with you.

## SHOEBOX SUNDAY

November 6th

**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 located at the church entrances beginning October 2nd.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our annual Gingerbread House Party will be held on  
Sunday, November 27th at 5:00 pm  
in The Life Together Center.

## LOGOS



## LOGOS

**'Like VBS once a week!'**

STARTING OCTOBER 5TH

Each Wednesday children Kindergarten through 5th Grade will enjoy a themed "family style" meal together, enjoy recreation, build relationships, and more in FFC's Life Together Center!

Next Session in January 2017!

**JUNIOR HIGH****Sunday school*****What Makes You Happy?***  
***A series about True Happiness.***

What makes you happy? Or what would make you happy? That's probably an easy question. Everyone's got something. We all daydream about a trouble-free life made possible by something: a house, car, etc. But what do we do when the very things we think will make us happy end up making us miserable? In this series, we begin to ask the question, what makes you happy? And, one thing we'll find is that Jesus cares a lot about our happiness. Not only that, through His words, we'll discover that where we find happiness may be different than we thought - having to do less with a what, and more with a Who and, maybe even a who or two.

**Service****Sunday, October 16th**

- Junior Highs will set up for Fellowship Hour during Worship (No Jr. High Class)

**Sunday, November 6th**

- Junior Highs will help with Shoebox Sunday

**Fellowship****Friday, October 15th**

- Dinner & Tanner's Orchard
- Times TBA, watch the Home Edition & your mail for more details!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS****Fellowship Overnight Retreat**

- **Saturday, October 1st - Sunday, October 2nd**
- **Pilgrim Park Retreat Center in Princeton, IL**
- Leave church at 10:00 am Saturday and return around 3:00 pm Sunday

**"Teaching" Retreat**

- **Sunday, November 6th, Garden Room**
- **11:00 am to 4:00 pm**
- Don't forget to wear your T-shirt!

**SENIOR HIGH****Sunday School****NO FILTER**

Social Media is awesome. It's brought us some of the best inventions in modern times. Maybe you're a fan of the hashtag or the GIF or weekly holidays like Throwback Thursday. All of those were all made popular by one social network or another. And, maybe one of the best things these apps have given us is the *filter*. Filters are amazing. They basically change the way you see something in a picture. As we explore what an ancient book can teach us about modern social life, we may just find God's plan for us isn't to use social media LESS, but instead enjoy it MORE as we learn which things are better with NO FILTER.

**IF YOU ONLY KNEW**

Have you ever felt a little crazy? Maybe you cheer for a sports team that no one else likes. Maybe you're in a situation where it seems everyone agrees or understands—and you don't—it can feel like you're losing your mind. You wonder, "*Am I missing something?*" Honestly, a lot of us have felt that way at church. We hear people talk about praying or reading the Bible in a way that sounds like it's the most exciting thing in the world, except...for us, it isn't. Since prayer and Bible reading and church are good for you, maybe you're just supposed to just suffer through them. But what if you're missing something? And what if a single piece of missing information could completely change the way you interact with God, His Word, and His people? Maybe you'd go from "have to" to "want to," if you only knew.

**Service****Sunday, October 16th**

- 3rd Sunday: Senior Highs attend / serve in worship

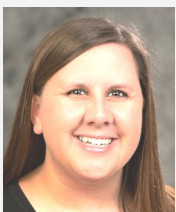
**Sunday, November 6th**

- Senior Highs will help with Shoebox Sunday

**Fellowship****Sunday Evenings**

- 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Senior High room, 3rd floor
- Fellowship, fun & food!

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**The Preschools at FFC**

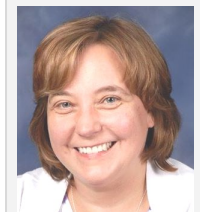
Kathie Harms

**OCTOBER EVENTS**

- October 5th & 6th: Fall Pictures, 9:00 - 11:30 am
- October 20th & 21st: Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28th: 9:00 - 11:00 am Halloween Party, Life Together Center, All classes/families welcome

**2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

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



Carol Nelson



## OUR 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 . . . . . Ralph Schoen

### Class of 2016

Rennie Atterbury, (UCC); Chris Crawford, (PCUSA); Luke Sheley, (UCC); Robin Simpson, (PCUSA)

### Class of 2017

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

### Class of 2018

Elizabeth Allen, (PCUSA); David Bailey, (PCUSA); Kent Kowalske, (UCC); Theresa Pfeiffer, (PCUSA)

## OUR 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)*

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### Class of 2018

Rebecca Frankel Clifton, Rick Snarr and Sally Stone

## Pastoral Care ~ Prayer Ministry

### PRAYER & MEALS MINISTRIES

Contact the church office if you or someone you know has a prayer concern, may need for a meal or other concern.

We have a staff and prayer team willing to pray confidentially for you and a group willing to make meals for those going through a difficult time.

Contact Kim Snarr at [ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com) if you'd like to help with Meal Ministries.

Contact Rev. Steve Barch if you would like to be on the Prayer Team. [sbarch@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:sbarch@ffcpeoria.com) or 309-361-0182



### 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.

## Chancel Flower Dedications

### AVAILABLE DATES

1st and 4th weeks of January, 1st and 2nd weeks of June, 3rd week of July, 3rd week of September.  
Contact the church office at 309-685-5258 if you are interested in sponsoring one of these dates.





- Mondays, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
- Lifetree Room at FFC's Life Together Center
- Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.

Led by Rev. Steve Barch

- Beginning Thursday, September 15th will meet weekly at 10:00 am
- FFC's Life Together Center, Lifetree Room
- Questions? Call Ann Voll, 692-1781, or email [avoll@comcast.net](mailto:avoll@comcast.net)

- Resumes Thursday, September 8th
- Bring a Bible and an open and inquisitive mind.  
*A sense of humor doesn't hurt.*
- These are open to everyone - not only the residents; please give us a call if you plan to attend, 309-685-5258.

- Meets each Thursday at 9:15 am at Independence Village.

- Meets each Thursday at 10:15 am at Lutheran Hillside Village in the private dining room.

## Join Us for a Spooky Good Time



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 11:30 AM**  
**GARDEN ROOM**



Anyone with a little extra time on their hands is welcome at our fall lunch! No agenda; costumes optional!



Just show up to socialize and enjoy a good meal.



Please RSVP to Kim Snarr at 685-5258 or [ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:ksnarr@ffcpeoria.com).



## Due Diligence

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## *In Remembrance*



**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 6TH**

*Blessed in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His Saints.  
(Psalm 116:15)*

***This is a U.S. Postal Form  
that we are required to  
post yearly.***

Join us for All Saints' Day during worship on November 6th as we recall those saints of First Federated Church who passed to the Church Triumphant this past year.

Worshippers will also have the opportunity to light a memorial votive candle in memory of a loved one.



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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**  
**6:00 TO 9:00 PM**  
**FFC'S**  
**LIFE TOGETHER CENTER**

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•  
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