



# Our Life Together



## 2018-2019 Program Year Kick-Off

Sunday, September 9th we will begin our new church program year.

- Sunday school begins, come meet your teachers and classmates!
- Confirmation Orientation at 9:00 am, see page 9.
- Kick-off Sunday will include cook-out luncheon with fun for everyone!
- Junior and Senior High Kick-off event, see page 9.
- We are looking forward to a great year!

Count  
YOUR  
Blessings!

Save The Day

"Count Your Blessings"  
2019 Stewardship Kick-Off Brunch

Sunday, September 23rd, 8:45 - 9:45 am  
Life Together Center



## Children's Midweek Ministry

Wednesdays in October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th  
5:30 to 7:00 pm

- Watch your mail for registration information or pick it up at church.
- 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.



First Federated Church of Peoria

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



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### **FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH**

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### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Email your article to the church  
by the 15th of the month  
to be included in the following  
month's newsletter.

### **CONTACT US**

Main Church: 309-685-5258  
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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](http://ffcpeoria.com)

## *Glimpse of Grace*

How do you want to be remembered? What legacy do you want to leave behind? Every day, whether we are aware of it or not, we write our legacy.

Several years ago I received a telephone call from a local hospital. Someone found the name badge of a deacon in the parking lot. The deacon's name and church were on the magnetic name badge. He had been dead for a little over a year. How long it had been in the parking lot or how it got there, I have no idea.

Picking up the name badge brought back a flood of memories. I first met him when I brought them home communion. At the time he was a retired "stay at home husband" taking care of his wife. He loved to tell stories, laugh and have coffee with his buddies. After his wife died he became quite active at church. He was in worship every Sunday, was elected a deacon and faithfully made calls on shut-ins and the hospitalized. At church potlucks he always brought KFC fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. But he was especially fond of the after school Logos program.

He was a regular "table parent". Each week he arrived early and placed a wrapped piece of chocolate at each spot. One child couldn't eat chocolate, so he brought a piece of red licorice.

As I think back upon his witness I considered how each one of us leaves a part of ourselves behind when our life journey is complete.

We leave a legacy in the hearts, minds and lives of those we touched. I know that he probably did greater things in life, but the eternally enduring are those little things--those mustard seeds--that truly make a difference.

### **Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.**

Senior Minister



Rev. Dr. Forrest 'Frosty' Krummel, Jr. ☎ 309-685-5258, X-101 📧 [fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com)

## **A Lasting Legacy**

Howard Simpson was baptized in the First Congregational Church in Peoria. He was a child when First Congregational Church and Second Presbyterian Church federated to form First Federated Church. Over the years he supported its ministries. He completed this part of life earlier this year and joined his wife in the Church Triumphant.

Howard also remembered First Federated Church in his estate planning. The church was recently notified that he gave a generous lasting legacy to the church's Endowment Fund.

Have you considered including the ongoing ministry of First Federated Church in your estate planning?



**Kathryn and Howard Simpson**

## Active Advocates

*Reflections shared Sunday, July 29th*

My name is Karin Terry. My husband is Joe, and we have two daughters: Alana is 15 and Shealyn is 12. My family and I have been living in Germantown Hills for almost 17 years, and we have been coming to First Federated for about 12 years. So, it obviously took me a little while to find my perfect Church Home.

You see, I'm a "PK" or Preacher's Kid. I come from a long line of about 8 ministers in the United Church of Christ. I am biased, but I always liked my dad and grandfathers' sermons. They were teachers, and not preachers. They were really good at taking the scripture and making it applicable to my life. So, I am very picky about my ministers and their sermons! As a PK, I never had to worry about finding a new church with a good minister, because I always moved to a new town with my favorite minister!

I felt a bit like "Goldilocks" when I was looking for a church. I need everything to be "Just Right". There was always something missing from the other churches I tried. I already talked about my favorite type of minister. I also want an active kids and youth program for my children, because my church was a very big part of my life growing up. I want a church that has an active Missions program. And great music is a must! I tried 3 different churches in the Peoria area, but I couldn't find the right fit. There was always something missing.

My first Sunday at FFC was Frosty's second Sunday here. I was pregnant with my youngest. I got a great feel for the church right away, but I

wanted to wait a little while to decide. After several months, it was clear that FFC was my new church home. It was "Just Right". My dad baptized Shealyn right here in this sanctuary, and I became a member that same Sunday.

Over the years, I have been able to enjoy and be involved in a lot of different things here at FFC. I have taught almost all ages of Sunday School and VBS; my daughters have both attended and

helped at VBS; my oldest has done Mission Trips; my husband has chaperoned Stonghold retreats for many years; I play with "The Feds" softball team; and I have served on the Executive Board. FFC is definitely the right place for my family and me.

So, I was asked to tell you why I give of my time and my tithes to First Federated Church. It's simple. I want First Federated to continue to be "Just

Right" for me. And I want First Federated to be "Just Right" for you. And I want First Federated to be "Just Right" for our community and our world.

Thank You.  
Karin Terry

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## Passport To Hope

### Missions Committee Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, September 29th, 6:00 pm In our Life Together Center

#### Ways you can help to support Passport to Hope:

- Return your invitation response card.
- Help with financing a certain portion of the event (food, decorations, etc.)
- Volunteer to serve on the committee.
- Donate a "service" to be auctioned off at our event (lawn care, baking, cooking, etc.)
- Donate an item or themed basket to be auctioned off at our event.
- Event program advertising is welcome.
- Please contact El Higus through the church office at 309-685-5258.



**Look for your Passport to Hope Invitation in your mailbox shortly and save the day!**

## Rummage Sale Update

**Thank you to all to our many volunteers.**

Kathy Allin  
Vicki & David Bailey  
Marylee Bales  
Billie & Chris Block  
Susi & Joe Butler  
Hans Busch  
Karen & John Calder

Pat Crawford  
Mary Evans  
Trish Fordyce  
Barb Hein  
Kay Hulin  
Susan Kessler  
Marianne Klisares

Lynne Marsho  
Carol Nelson  
Soni Owen  
Carol Peterson  
Helen Peterson  
Ann Ragsdale  
JoAnne Richardson

Linda and John Sahn  
Joyce Smith  
Sally & Hank Stone  
Jerri Varnold  
Jill & John Wahlfeld

**Thank you to the many people who made donations to the sale.**

**This year's sale grossed \$15,010.75.**

**Thank You All.**

## Thomas Jefferson "Study Buddies"

### Invest In The Future

With another school year underway we are once again looking for adults who like children and are able to donate 30-60 minutes of their time to the second grade students at our neighboring Thomas Jefferson elementary school. Under the guidance of the room teacher volunteers will assist students with their reading and spelling during classroom hours. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

## Ongoing FFC Missions

### Snack Pack

- Packing weekend snacks for children at Common Place continues.
- Packing for Whittier Primary will begin sometime mid to late September.

### 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.

## Wana Wa Mola

Our mission in Mombasa is taking the next steps in growth. We are working with the American organization Hope for Kenya as they have more frequent on site contact with Wana Wa Mola.

Recently Wana Wa Mola entered into a working relationship with Bombolulu, a Ten Thousand Villages fair trader. (A Ten Thousand Villages store is located in Peoria Heights.) Bombolulu provides employment and numerous other benefits, including housing, medical aid and adult education, for adults who are blind or physically disabled and who would otherwise have virtually no chance of employment in the mainstream labor market. Artisans create jewelry and other products for both local and export markets. An on-staff designer creates new jewelry lines, including both the trademark whimsical Bombolulu recycled materials jewelry and other design pieces.

Bombolulu was established in 1969. It is one of a number of branches of the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya Coast Branch, a Kenyan charitable organization. Bombolulu's campus includes housing units for artisans, artisan workshops, and a guesthouse to help generate income. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Bombolulu Workshop since 1986. The children of Wana Wa Mola go to Bombolulu two Saturday's a month to develop skills in textiles, jewelry and woodworking from their professional staff.



## Worship

### Sunday, September 2nd

Communion at both the 8:00 and 10:00 am services

### September Sermon Series

In September we will begin a sermon series on the book of James, entitled--Christianity 101: How to Live Your Faith Seven Days a Week.

### World Communion Sunday is October 7th

- 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 November 4th

- 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.

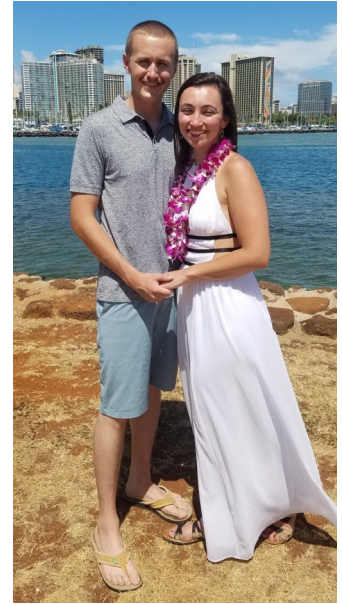
## A Matter of Record

### Baptisms

- August 5th - Madison Sue Davis, Amelia Kathryn Davis and Anastasia Renee Davis, daughters of Darcie and Greg Davis.
- August 19th - Noah Bradley Snyder, son of Lindsey (Mabee) and Shane Snyder. Grandson of Pam and Dave Mabee and great-grandson of Florence Mabee.

### Weddings

- June 23rd - Ashley Rogy and John Beyer
- July 5th - Alexis Skaggs and Nicholas Schlicksup were married in Oahu, Hawaii on Thursday, July 5th. Alexis will be returning to Peoria to complete her studies, while Nicholas continues his U.S. Navy deployment. Best wishes and congratulations may be sent to the home of Beth Schlicksup.



### Completed This Part Of Life

- July 22nd - Paul W. Sommer
- July 31st - Shirley Pletkovich
- August 2nd - Esther Gibbons
- August 3rd - Harold Berg

### New Members

May 13th - Ashley Rogy and John Beyer joined our church family. *(Ashley and John were married at FFC on June 23rd)*

June 24th - Nicholas Stralow and Jessica Funke

***Please make them welcome!***



Nicholas Stralow,  
Jessica Funke,  
Lily and Lydia



Ashley & John Beyer

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).

## **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](mailto:skjt@mtco.com).

**EVENT: Saturday, September 15th, 6 pm at Biaggi's (2601 W Lake Ave, Peoria). Contact Judy Thompson through the church office at 309-685-5258 to make your reservation (by September 13th) or if you have questions.**

## **OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS GROUP ■**

This group is comprised of anyone who enjoys the outdoors. All are welcome. For more information about the group or events, please contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or check the Home Edition or our e-newsletter, 1stNews.

## **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).

## **KNITTING / CROCHETING MINISTRY ■**

Our Knitting Group gathers on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in our Memorial Lounge, this year beginning on September 4th. They work on Prayer Shawls that are delivered to hospitalized or ill congregants, Baby Blankets that go to families with new babies, New Member afghans and Graduation afghans that go to our graduating High School Seniors. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alice Racine through the church office at 309-685-5258.

## **OLD BUDDIES BREAKFAST ■**

The "Old Buddies," is a men's fellowship group that meets for breakfast and fellowship monthly. They meet Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the Private Dining Room of Lutheran Hillside Village. Meetings will be held on September 18th, and October 16th. All gentlemen of the church are welcome.

## **FIRST FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB ■**

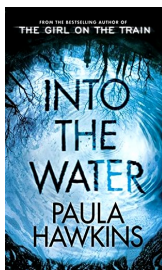
The Women's Club will meet Wednesday, September 26th at noon in the Commons. The program will be "Don't Be A Victim" by Aimee Shinall from the Peoria County Sheriff's office.

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday, October 24th at noon in the Commons. The program will be "Matryoshka Dolls: The Dolls and the Fairy Tale" by Angela Week, Executive Director of Peoria Area World Affairs Council.

Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact Women's Club President, Ann Ragsdale through the church at 309-685-5258.

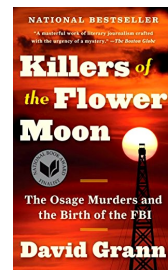
## **THE FFC BOOK CLUB ■**

The book club meets on the last Saturday of the month 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:  
**Into the Water: a Novel**  
by Paula Hawkins

The book for October will be:  
**The Osage Murders and  
the Birth of the FBI**  
by David Grann



Additional events for some of the above groups may be added. These events will be publicized in the Home Edition, our Sunday news insert which you will find in your Sunday bulletin each week, and in our E-newsletter, the 1stNews, which is emailed to subscribers each Friday afternoon. You may subscribe to the 1stNews on our website: [ffcpeoria.com/newsletter/](http://ffcpeoria.com/newsletter/) or by contacting the church office at 309-685-5258, X-100 or [cwalter@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwalter@ffcpeoria.com).

## New Program Year ~ Join Our Music Ministry

- **Come and join the Chancel Choir and express your faith through song!**

The Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir will be back as a regular part of our worship beginning September 9th and rehearsals have begun. If you are at all interested, stop by at 9:00 AM that Sunday and sit in on rehearsal. I would love to discuss the many possibilities for participation in the music at First Federated Church!

- **Join our Sound Team**

We have an additional goal that is open to those who doubt their music skills but would like to help at our 10:00 am worship service. Our sound system team has room to grow. If interested, please contact me or Andy Braun.

## Orpheus ~ Real Men Sing

**On Monday September 10th the men of Orpheus will resume rehearsals in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.**

This is a wonderful, historic ensemble, that FFC has hosted for many decades. The group is looking to add to its numbers, and I, as the director, can vouch that it is a fun, kind, and dedicated group of guys, from 14 to over 80, and there is room for any skill level. Please, consider joining this ensemble and add some music into your life.

## Ruth, The Musical

**The musical beginning of Ruth and Boaz, ancestors of David, the great king of Israel.**

Tickets will be available for these concerts and half the proceeds will go to benefit Midwest Food Bank.

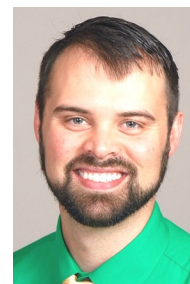
You can buy them online at: <https://squareup.com/store/midwest-food-bank-5>, or in person at Midwest Food Bank locations in Morton, Peoria and Bloomington.

- Friday evening, September 7 at 7:00 pm, Five Points, Washington
- Sunday afternoon, September 9 at 3:00 pm, Five Points Washington

*I have the privilege of hearing the congregation raise the strain whether we are in session or not and I can factually state that there are many fine voices that would fit in well with our Chancel Choir. Please, if interested, contact a choir member or me.*

**Russel Boulton**

Director, Worship and Music



Worship & Music Director, Russel Boulton ☎ 309-685-5258, x.104 ✉ [rboulton@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:rboulton@ffcpeoria.com)

## Prayer Ministry ~ Pastoral Care

### 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 Rev. Krummel, Rev. Lysdahl, or Rev. Barch to come to your home.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

- **Our Prayer Teams**
  - We can add your prayer request to a congregation-wide prayer list, Rev. Steve's Prayer Team list, or the "just the staff" list. Your request will be kept as confidential as you choose.
  - Rev. Steve Barch emails a list out weekly to his Prayer Team Members; this list is kept confidential within his group.

- **Special Prayer Bulletins**

- Health concerns, up-coming surgery ~ please let us know. We can notify the congregation usually within minutes of your request.
- Contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or [cwalter@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwalter@ffcpeoria.com) if you would like an email sent to the congregation with your prayer request.

- **Prayer Bulletin: Blessings Delivered**

- The birth of a child is a blessing delivered, please let us know when you have an addition to your family, and our faith family as well.
- Contact the church office at [cwalter@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwalter@ffcpeoria.com), include photos and information.



## Adult Christian Education

### Adult Monday Study The New Testament

- **Monday, September 10th, 12:30 -1:30 pm**
- **Lifetree Café, Life Together Center**
- Kick off of a 10 - week study of the New Testament.
- Based on the curriculum of *The Great Courses* we will look at the Early Christians and their Literature, the Greco-Roman context, ancient Judaism, the four gospels and the noncanonical gospels.
- All that you need to bring is an inquisitive and open mind.

### Meditation Group

- Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning September 13th.
- Memorial Lounge
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or avoll@comcast.net.

### Off Campus Bible Studies

- Each Thursday beginning September 13th.
- Independence Village at 9:00 am  
Rev. Zach Lysdahl will lead this group.
- Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am in the private dining room.  
Rev. Frosty Krummel will lead this group.

### Theology on Tap ~ Round Four

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

**Location To Be Announced**

- Wednesday, September 5th, 2018  
What I Believe: Creeds and Confessions
- Wednesday, September 12th, 2018  
Lord's Day Service: Form & Function
- Wednesday, September 19th, 2018  
Faith According To The Bernstein Bear's

### NEW! Sunday Seminars

**Beginning Sunday, September 23rd**

**Scheduled for during and following Fellowship**

September topics include:

- The Spirituality of Giving, led by John Morris
- Planned Local Mission Giving, led by the Mission Committee
- Youth and Technology, led by TBD

**Watch for further details!**

## Senior Highs (9th ~ 12th Grade)

### Fellowship: Junior & Senior Highs Elevate Trampoline Park

**Sunday, September 9th**

**Following the Kick-Off festivities!**

- Parents will drop-off and pick-up (3:00 pm) at Elevate (8800 North Allen Road, Peoria).
- FFC will be taking care of the Elevate entrance fee, but snacks will be up to the individuals.
- Parents (if children are under 18) or students (if over 18) must complete a waiver on the Elevate website to attend this event. [elevatepeoria.pfestore.com/waiver/](http://elevatepeoria.pfestore.com/waiver/)
- RSVP to Rev. Zach - [zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com)

### Senior High Sunday School

**Begins Sunday, September 16th**

- 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- Senior High room, third floor
- Special Seniors only Meeting, September 23rd - 5:00 - 5:30 pm

**Senior Highs attend 10:00 am worship service.**

## 2019 Confirmation

### Fall Confirmation Schedule

**Orientation Meeting**

**Learn about Confirmation here at FFC**

- **Sunday, September 9th, 9:00 – 9:30 am**
- Junior High Room

**Fellowship Overnight Retreat**

**Let's get to know each other. Fellowship, cook-outs and campfires.**

- **Friday, October 5th & Sunday, October 6th**
- Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL
- Depart church at 4:00 pm Friday and return around 3:00 pm Saturday.
- Watch your mail for further details.

**Teaching Retreat**

- **Sunday, November 4th, 11:15 – 4:00 pm**
- Garden Room, Life Together Center



## Junior Highs (5th ~ 8th Grade)

### Fellowship: Junior & Senior Highs Elevate Trampoline Park

**Sunday, September 9th**

**Following the Kick-Off festivities!**

- Parents will drop-off and pick-up (3:00 pm) at Elevate (8800 North Allen Road, Peoria).
- FFC will be taking care of the Elevate entrance fee, but snacks will be up to the individuals.
- Parents (if children are under 18) or students (if over 18) must complete a waiver on the Elevate website to attend this event. [elevatepeoria.pfestore.com/waiver/](http://elevatepeoria.pfestore.com/waiver/)
- RSVP to Rev. Zach - [zlysdaul@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:zlysdaul@ffcpeoria.com)

### Junior Highs ~ Fired Up!

**Friday, September 14th, Time TBD**

- Watch your mail for more details

### Junior Highs ~ Dinner & Tanner's Orchard

**Friday, October 5th, 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

- Watch your mail for more details

### Junior Highs to Greet and Host Fellowship

**Sunday, September 16th**

- Junior Highs will set up for Fellowship during worship.
- No Junior High Class

### Junior Highs to Help With Shoebox Sunday

**Sunday, October 8th**

- No Junior High Class

### Junior Highs Sunday School

- Junior High Classes take place on Sundays during 10:00 am worship in the Junior High room on the third floor.

## Children's Ministry - Kindergarten – 5th Grade

### September In Sunday School

**Memory Verse:** "Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23a, NIV

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

**Life App:** Initiative – seeing what needs to be done and doing it

**Sunday, September 2nd**

Labor Day Weekend – Veggie Tales and popcorn during Sunday school

**Sunday, September 9th**

Sunday school kickoff! Come and meet your new teachers and classmates!

**Sunday, September 16th**

**Bible Story:** Nehemiah Helps the Poor – Nehemiah 5:1- 12

**Bottom Line:** Don't wait for someone else to help people in need.

**Sunday, September 23rd**

**Bible Story:** Nehemiah and Sanballat – Nehemiah 2:19-20; 4; 6

**Bottom Line:** Stay focused on what needs to be done.

**Sunday, September 30th**

**Bible Story:** The wall is rebuilt – Nehemiah 3-4, 6:15-16, 8:1-17

**Bottom Line:** Look for ways to celebrate what God has done.

### October In Sunday School

**Memory Verse:** "Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.'" Luke 12:15

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

**Life App:** Contentment: Deciding to be okay with what you have

**Sunday, October 7th**

**Bible Story:** Be Content (Paul in Prison) Philippians 4:11b-13

**Bottom Line:** God can help you be okay no matter what.

**Sunday, October 14th**

**The 3rd-5th grade Sunday school class will setup for Fellowship Hour and serve as greeters.**

**Bible Story:** Don't Be Controlled By Money Hebrews 13:5

**Bottom Line:** Stuff can't keep you happy.

**Sunday, October 21st**

**Bible Story:** King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard 1 Kings 21:19, 27

**Bottom Line:** Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

**Sunday, October 28th**

**Bible Story:** Israelites Long for Egypt Exodus 16:2-21; 17:1-7

**Bottom Line:** Don't miss out on what you have now.

## Bible Dedication

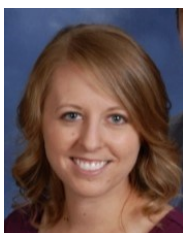
Sunday, September 23rd

- During the 10:00 am worship service
- Preschool students will receive Storybook Bibles
- 3rd Graders will receive their 1st Bible.

## Bible Workshop

Sunday, September 23rd

- During the Sunday school
- 3rd Graders and their parents gather to discover the Bible.
- Look for your invitation in the mail.



**Jessica Sheley**

Director of Children's Ministries

Jessica Sheley • ☎309-685-5258 X-105 ✉jsheley@ffcpeoria.com

## Gingerbread Baking Begins

Begins Sunday, October 21st

- Volunteers appreciated
- Interested church "groups" (men's groups, youth group, young families, etc.) who are interested in baking gingerbread, please have them contact Jessica Sheley.
- Tentative Dates:
- October 21st, and 28th, November 4th and 11th
- To volunteer contact Jessica at jsheley@ffcpeoria.com!



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## The Preschools at FFC



## Preschool Dates

- Friday, September 7th, Grandparents Day
- Wednesday, October 3rd, Preschool Pictures
- Thursday, October 4th, Preschool Pictures
- Wednesday, October 31st, Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat



## Thank You, Kathie Harms • • • Welcome, Brittany Arnold

Kathie Harms, Director of the Preschools of FFC, has resigned to pursue another opportunity in her hometown of Lacon, effective August 10, 2018. She will have summers off and be able to spend them with her husband, Matt, and their two

adorable little girls, Helena and Lenora.

Kathie was hired on July 7, 2014. She was instrumental in transitioning the Preschool from a half-day Mother's Day out program, to a full-day Preschool program. We appreciate all the work that she did to accomplish that feat!

She has touched hundreds of children's lives and has been a positive influence to all the families that have walked through these doors these last four years.

We wish Kathie and her family all the best!

We would like to welcome Brittany Arnold as the Acting Preschool Director. Brittany has a Bachelor's degree from Bradley University. Prior to becoming Acting Director on July 30th, she worked in our Bo-Peep classroom teaching three year olds. We are excited to welcome Brittany to this leadership role!

I am very excited to be the acting director for the Preschools of First Federated Church. Before taking this position, I was a teacher in the Bo-Peep classroom for the last 3 years. At an early age I knew that working with children was what I wanted to do in life. I have worked with children for close to 15 years at various schools throughout the community including Head Start, St. Mark's, and Schramm School. I graduated from Bradley University with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Fine Arts. I have 160 college credits and nearly 100 of those are in education with the remaining hours in communication and fine arts. I am very confident that this year will be a great year for the preschool and look forward to this new journey.

Respectfully yours, Brittany Arnold



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## Shoebox Sunday Sunday, November 4th



### 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 4th, 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 \$9 to ship so donations are helpful too!

*Drop off your supplies in one of the boxes outside the Commons from Sunday, October 7th until 10 am November 4th.*

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



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