



# Our Life Together



## Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 14th through

Thursday, July 18th

5:30-8:00 pm

### Registration:

Registration is available through the website:

[ffcpeoria.com/get-connected/children/](http://ffcpeoria.com/get-connected/children/)

Remember to register before June 1st to save \$10 off the registration fee!

### Volunteers

We are once again looking for VBS volunteers in the following areas:

Registration, Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, Kitchen Crew, Decorations

Please contact Jessica Sheley at [jsheley@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:jsheley@ffcpeoria.com) if you are interested.

### VBS Packet Pick-Up:

Sunday, June 16th, In the Commons  
following the 10 am worship service!



### A Special Tribute

All Mothers please Join  
us for Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 12th for a  
special floral gift.



The 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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[ffcpeoria.com](http://ffcpeoria.com)

## Glimpse of Grace



By the time you read this newsletter we will have received the Confirmation Class of 2019. In the Confirmation Sunday sermon worshipers were reminded of the commitment that they

freely take in the vows of membership. "Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the Church wherever you call home?"

We live in a time when vows and promises become as fragile as piecrusts. The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Nygren once wrote about relationships without commitment: "The commitment between employers or employees is good only until the next downsizing or the next contract negotiations, whichever comes first. There are no longer baseball teams. There is only a

group of migrant players, who happen to have chased the dollars to this city for the year."

"There are relationships instead of marriages. They cost less. Even marriages sometimes begin with minimal commitment and end with the maximum rancor. The marriage hasn't gone bad. It was always bad. It didn't cost enough."

"We get what we pay for. If we pay a cheap price we get cheap goods. If we make the smallest possible commitment we will enjoy the smallest possible happiness."

"The Bible exhorts us to love God with all our heart and mind and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. That's a real commitment. That's a faith that changes everything we are and do...There's nothing cheap about that but it's worth the price. Anything less is too cheap."

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

Senior Minister

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## Dollars and Sense



Jeff Shelton

The Executive Board expresses their gratitude to the church Treasurer Jeff Shelton as he completes his term in that office. His contribution to our life together cannot be over-stated. His professional background and professionalism made him, in the spirit of Mordecai words to Esther, "The man for a time such as this."

Thank you, Jeff.

The Board is also thankful that David Bailey has stepped forward to be the new church Treasurer. Like his predecessor, David brings to the office rich experience in finance, executive leadership, and love for Christ's Church and Mission. First Federated Church is richly blessed by these two gentlemen.



David Bailey

### Something to Ponder?

I have often wondered why churches do not have more "endowed" ministries. Colleges and universities have endowed "chairs." Many of the most prestigious universities have religious roots. Why don't more individuals consider endowing their favorite ministry. Why not endow a "preaching chair, a "mission program," a "music or organist chair," or any number of ministries?



## Baby Shower for Crittenton Centers



- Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders hosted the Crittenton Crisis Nursery Baby Shower on Sunday, April 28th during Fellowship following the 10 am worship service.
- This celebration culminates a month long collection of items for the Crisis nursery.

## gitm FRESH FOOD DRIVE!

Sunday, March 17th, 794 pounds of fresh produce was collected and distributed among 3 area food pantries; St. Paul de Vincent, Hope Chest, and Creve Coeur Christian Church Food Pantry.



## One Great Hour of Sharing ~ \$1051.64

One Great Hour of Sharing is an interdenominational mission offering. The proceeds are divided between the United Church of Christ's support of global mission work through Church World Service and the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## Wana Wa Mola Update

The ministry and training of street boys through Wana Wa Mola (God's Children) continues. The boys are learning how to create and market their crafts as they continue their schooling and move toward independence. They continue to serve their greater community as they put their faith in action. For the day of the African Child they presented programs at Wema Centre, a home for homeless girls, and Majaoni High School, Wema Centre celebrating the day of African child and later full performance at Majaoni High school. In recent correspondence Daniel Okior reflected, "We believe that there's is still hope for every child if we all determine to play our roles."



Joseph serves food at Wema Center

## 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, June 15th: Dinner at Granite City Food and Brewery (230 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria.) Questions or to make your reservation, contact Judy Thompson through the church office at 309-685-5258.**

## 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 the church office at 309-685-5258 or check the Home Edition or our e-newsletter, 1stNews.

**EVENT: Saturday, May 18th, 5:30 pm in the FFC Parking Lot. Join us for a cookout in the church parking lot to celebrate the end of another great school year! Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. The children can play on the playground and the grassy fields. RSVP: Jessica Sheley at [jsheley@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:jsheley@ffcpeoria.com)**

## Knitting / Crocheting Ministry ▪

Our Knitting Group is currently on summer hiatus. Projects include: Prayer Shawls which are delivered to hospitalized or ill congregants; Baby Blankets delivered to families with new babies; New Member afghans; and afghans presented each year to our youth ministry 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 ▪

"Old Buddies," is a men's fellowship group that meets for breakfast and fellowship monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the Private Dining Room of Lutheran Hillside Village. All gentlemen of the church are welcome. First quarter meetings are scheduled for May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th.

## First Federated Women's Club ▪ May Catered Luncheon

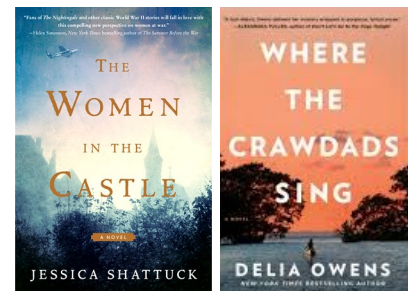
The Women's Club meets the third Wednesday of each month (*November & December meetings are combined*). Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact Women's Club President, Ann Ragsdale through the church office at 309-685-5258.

**EVENT: Wednesday, May 22nd at Noon members and guests will gather in the Commons for our Annual Catered Luncheon. The program will be Karen Henderson, Harpist. Your payment for the luncheon of \$15 (your payment is your reservation) needs to be made by Monday, May 13th. Make checks out to First Federated Church: write Women's Club luncheon on the memo line. You may mail your check to the church office or place it in the collection plate.**

## The FFC Book Club ▪

The Book Club meets the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615). **Selected reading for the May 25th meeting will be The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck. Selected reading for the June 22nd meeting will be Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.**

*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).*





## A Matter of Record



Madilynn Elaine

### Birth & Baptism

Kyla and Jake Funke welcomed a baby girl, Madilynn Elaine Funke at 8:23 am Thursday, March 14th. She weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed by big brother Flynn, 2 years old. Patti Parrish is the proud Grandmother.

Madilynn was Baptized at the 10 am worship service on Sunday, April 7th.

Welcome to the family Madilynn!



Jake & Kyla ~ Frosty holding Madilynn

### Confirming Their Faith

Sunday, April 28th, 6 young people confirmed their Baptism and professed their faith at the 10 am worship service. Heartfelt welcome to our newest family members.



Grace Chihoski



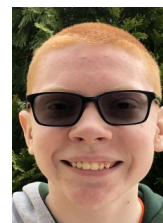
Roxanne Crawford



Ellie Jockisch



Matteo Khazzam



Boston Mattson



Mitchell Wetherill

### Wedding News

Brandon Forbis married Moriah Graden on Wednesday, April 17th at the Tazewell County Courthouse. Brandon's parents, Donna and Chris, enjoyed the ceremony.

Congratulations to the newlyweds!



### Completed This Part Of Life

March 4th - Arthur J. Schroff, Jr

April 6th - Carol Hedeman

April 12th - Beverly Walker Davis, mother of Jamie Richardson

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

- Our next Inquirer's Brunch will be Sunday, June 9th following the 10 am worship service.
- If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Federated Church please contact the church office at 309-685-5258 or email [cwalter@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwalter@ffcpeoria.com).
- We'd love to see you there!



## New Neighbors ~ Presbytery of Great Rivers

The Presbytery of Great Rivers is calling our *Life Together Center* home. The Presbytery serves 96 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations in central and south central Illinois. They join our other ministry partner, *The Community Foundation of Central Illinois*, *Youth Music Illinois*, and *Look! It's My Book*.

Lead Presbyter (minister) for Transformation the Rev. Ryan Landino said that "The Presbytery of Great Rivers is overjoyed at the prospect of moving its central office location to the *Life Together Center* at *First Federated Church*! For years we have struggled to find a space large enough to service our committee meetings, but due to the hospitality of *First Federated*, our groups have been meeting at the *Life Together Center* regularly while being coordinated from our smaller office space across town. Making First Federated our new office home allows us to meet in one trusted location that fits all of our needs. Not only does it bring us closer to the churches that we are committed to serve, but the expenses for occupying such a space will now go toward strengthening the larger missional witness of *First Federated* instead. Thank you, *First Federated Church of Peoria* for your hospitality and ongoing partnership with the *Presbytery of Great Rivers*!"

## May and June In Sunday School

Sunday, May 5th

Youth Sunday – children will remain in worship.

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day - Today we celebrate the mothers who teach Sunday school by giving them a day off! Children will enjoy a Veggie Tales movie on the 3rd floor.

Sunday, May 19th

Last Day of Sunday School – Heifer Celebration

Sunday, May 26th

Veggie Tales Movie on the third floor.

Sundays, June 2nd through July 28th

During Sunday school, the children will go to the third floor to enjoy VBS music, movies, snacks and games.

Junior high students are encouraged to come and help!

## Youth Ministries

### Mandatory Meeting

#### Senior High Mission Trip

- Sunday, June 16th, 11:00 am
- Creation Station, 2nd floor
- For further details contact the church office.



Senior Highs Fellowship Event ~ Sunday, April 28th

### Senior High Mission Trip Collection

#### Care Packs for Homeless Teens

- Will be given away at shelters ~ geared toward older teens
- Collection Basket will be placed out
  - Back Packs containing:
  - bar soap
  - travel size hygiene (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant)
  - notebooks, pens/pencils, and folders
  - new gloves/hats
  - new socks (male and female)
  - new underwear (various sizes for male & female)
  - gift cards in \$10.00 increments (Walmart, Target, etc...)
- For further details contact the church office.

## 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 or Rev. Barch to come to your home.

### Shut-In Ministries



- If you are home-bound and would like church bulletins and sermons mailed to you each week please contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

**Rev. Steve Barch**

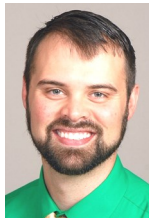
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## Music Ministry

### Join Our Music Ministry

- The Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells have sung and rung nearly every week of our program year. Their hard work and dedication to our enhanced worship experience greatly appreciated.
- If anyone in the congregation would have an interest in joining our merry band of minstrels there are a folder and robe waiting for you. Please, come and make music with us. The bells practice at 6:00 most Thursday evenings and the choir follows at 7:00. If you play an instrument, we can always look to add such an offering to our services.
- 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.



**Russel Boulton**

Director, Worship and Music

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## Join Us For Summer Camp!

Time To Register for  
a Summer of Fun!



- Our Summer Camp offer activities for ages 2 years old to 10 years to keep your child active, learning, and entertained through the summer months.
- We will plan each week around a different theme: Camping, Animals, Science, and Sports.
- We will also take several field trips.
- Snacks and lunch are included.



Summer Camp begins the week of June 3rd,  
and ends on Friday, August 2nd.  
We are closed for the 4th of July.

### This Year's Weekly Themes are:

- June 3rd - 7th Summer Kick Off
- June 10th -14th Camping/Bear Hunt
- June 17th - 21st Animals/Farm
- June 24th - 28th Science
- July 1st - 5th Sports
- July 15th - 19th Oceans
- July 22nd - 26th Dinosaurs
- July 29th - August 3rd Bugs



### Registration Information

- You may register for FFC Summer Camp by completing registration forms.
- Registration Forms and Pricing Information can be found:
- On our website: [www.ffcpeoria.com/preschools-peoria-il/](http://www.ffcpeoria.com/preschools-peoria-il/)  
Pricing information and a registration form is available as a download.
- The information kiosk in the church reception area.
- The information kiosk in the Preschool foyer.
- Spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis.
- We will enroll until we are full.
- If you have any questions please contact Brittany at 309-685-5258 or [barnold@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:barnold@ffcpeoria.com).

## Preschool Dates for May & June

- May 6th - 10th ~ Teacher Appreciation Week
- Friday, May 24th  
Last Day of School  
6:00 pm Spring Concert and Graduation, Great Hall
- Monday, June 3rd - 1st day of Summer Camp



**Brittany Arnold**

Director, The Preschools at FFC

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## Adult Christian Education

### Meditation Group

- Final Gathering of this program year
- Thursday, May 16th
- 10:00 am in the Memorial Lounge
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or [avoll@comcast.net](mailto:avoll@comcast.net).

### Off Campus Bible Studies

- Final Gathering of this program year
- Thursday, May 30th
- Independence Village at 9:00 am
- Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am in the private dining room.

## Thank You!

### Teacher Appreciation

- Sunday school Teachers
- Confirmation Leaders
- Join us for a special teacher appreciation breakfast
- Sunday, May 19th at 9:15 am in the Commons.

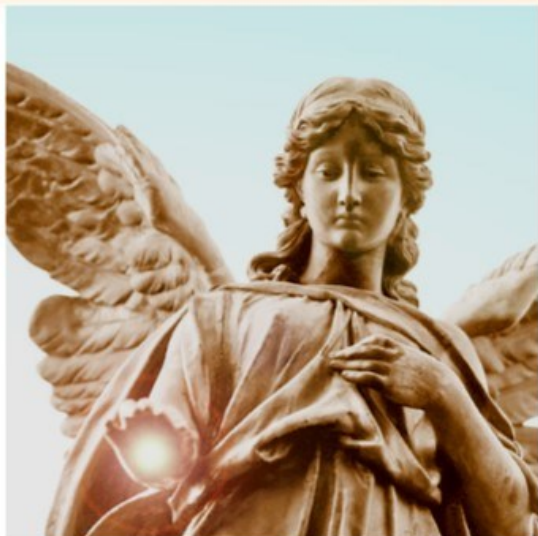




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## *Spring Cantata: Gabriel Fauré's Requiem*

- Sunday, May 26th during our 10:00 am worship service
- The FFC Chancel Choir, members of the Illini Bluffs Choir and excellent Peoria area instrumentalists will combine their talents for this performance.
- While quite unique in its format, the instrumentation and voicing is rich in Romantic techniques, somewhat similar to the works of Brahms, but begins to introduce elements of musical tension that were further explored in twentieth century orchestration.
- This is a requiem mass that was intended to be heard and appreciated as a musical revelation to all people.
- So come, worship, and enjoy this beautiful music with us.

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



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