



Our Life Together



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 14th through Thursday, July 18th
5:30-8:00 pm

Set-up & Decorating

Are you interested in helping with helping with set up/decorating
for VBS at the Life Together Center?

Saturday, July 13th From 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Come anytime and stay for as long or short as you want!

Please contact Jessica Sheley at 708-476-5405 or jsheley@ffcpeoria.com
if you would like to help.

COFFEE WITH THE TREASURER

Question and answer period with FFC Treasurer,
David Bailey.

Sunday, July 28th, at 9 and 11:15 am

Location ~ To be determined



BACKPACK BLESSING

Join us Sunday, August 11th at our 10 o'clock worship service.

A special prayer will be offered asking that our children and youth
will be blessed for the upcoming school year.

All are welcome!

THE PRESCHOOLS AT FFC

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year is open.

We have both part and full-day in all classrooms, plus before and
aftercare available.

Classes begin Monday, August 12th.

FFC families receive a tuition discount.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Kick-Off Sunday ~ Sunday, September 8th

Cookout and Carnival Following 10 am worship
service. 1st Sunday of new program year!



The First Federated Church of Peoria

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



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

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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

Glimpse of Grace



What has Jesus done for you? How has Jesus made a difference in your life? Or has he?

The gospel of Luke tells a story of a time when Jesus entered the country of the Gerasenes. He was greeted by someone who lived among the graves

because he was "demon possessed." Jesus restored him to his right mind and then a strange thing happened. The people who knew him as "demon possessed" were frightened. They knew how to deal with him when he was broken but not when he was whole.

The now restored man wanted to go with Jesus, to travel on with him. But then a funny thing happened. Jesus sent him away. "Return to your home, and tell others how much God

has done for you." (Luke 8: 39) So, he did. He told others. He was a changed man. He was no longer a demoniac. Jesus had made him whole.

The health and vitality of a congregation is not seen in numbers alone, though they are important. But it is seen in the willingness of individuals to be vulnerable to one another. There is a reticence to telling one another how Jesus touched our lives through the ministry and mission of First Federated Church.

Recently, two of our younger members took the risk of telling their story. I know that there are other stories out there. I'd like to hear them and share them because in our stories --in your stories there are glimpses of grace.

Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Forrest 'Frosty' Krummel, Jr. ☎309-685-5258, X-101 ✉fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com

Dollars and Sense

In the last issue of Our Life Together I read with interest the following article:

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?

As a young auditor years ago I worked on several college and university audits. One of the most interesting parts of the audit was verifying the classification, purpose, earnings, and year-end balances of the various accounts in the institution's Endowment Fund. It was fascinating to see how graduates were recognizing their college or university for the impact the institution had on that individual's life and success. The amounts of the individual endowed funds that former students gave ranged from thousands to millions of dollars.

I believe leaving an endowed fund to our church is a great way to recognize the positive impact our church and our Lord and Savior have had on our lives and the lives of our family. In addition to the suggested endowed funds above, why not consider endowing your annual pledge. What a wonderful and lasting legacy that would be. As an example an endowed gift of fifty thousand dollars with an assumed annual investment return of five percent would provide the church with an annual pledge of \$2,500. This amount would sustain that annual pledge of \$2,500 into perpetuity.

Regardless of the type of endowed fund, establishing one for our church is a great way to recognize and thank our church for the impact it has had on our lives and it leaves a lasting legacy that will live on forever.



David Bailey
FFC Treasurer

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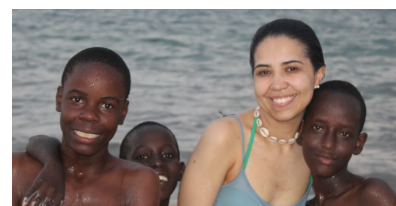
Back to Africa ~ The Ministry of Wana Wa Mola

We are looking for a few members who are willing to visit our mission in Mombasa, Kenya later this fall. We would attend a Board meeting, visit not only Wana Wa Mola but Cornerstone Development (our supervising mission partner in East Africa). If you wish to have more information, please contact the church office.

And now, notes from Daniel Okiror, director of Wana Wa Mola. Thank you for your prayers. We now have 24 children in the home as well as two interns--Nico, from Germany and Nyamira. A third person, a volunteer, is Mary who works at a local television and takes a very active role in the lives of the boys. During a recent "street outreach" at Mwakurunge (a dumping site) 5 younger boys were added to our number. Not all of the boys are "orphans," but they live on the streets and dumping sites because their parents are too poor to care for them. Recently we had an open house for the parents of boys who live in the home. Four of the boys mothers were able to join us for the afternoon.

An organization called Operation Give Hope has provided secondary school fees for our high school boys, and WWM budgeted funds are used to enroll the elementary school boys in local schools. Public schools in Kenya are not free. There are only the costs of uniforms and books, also tuition.

As with many places, budget concerns are our greatest concern and we ask for continued prayers.



Mary, local volunteer and TV personality with 3 of the boys at the ocean.



A family living at the dump site, Mwakurunge.



Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale Dates

- Friday, August 16th & Saturday, August 17th
- All proceeds go to benefit the Missions of FFC.

Collection Dates and Times

- Fridays: 9 am to Noon
- Sundays: 8:45 to 9:45 am
- Central Room Door of Life Together Center

Volunteer Today!

- Looking to build our volunteer team!
- Contact Susi Butler at 309-696-5558 or jbutler895@aol.com.

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.

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.



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Music Ministry

Join Our Music Ministry

- Do you have a horn, flute, or guitar sitting in the closet? Want to dust it off and play again? I am looking to start some home grown ensembles right here at FFC. Please let me know if you are interested and what you play and I will see what we can coordinate yet this summer.
- Take care and thanks!



Russel Boulton
Director, Worship and Music

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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 office.

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.

Knitting / Crocheting Ministry ▪ Currently On Summer Hiatus

Our Knitting Group gathers on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in our Memorial Lounge. 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.

Old Buddies Breakfast ▪

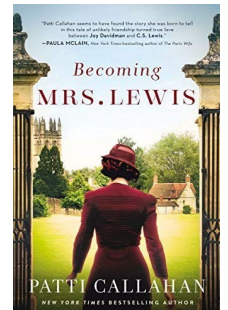
"Old Buddies," is a men's fellowship group that meets for breakfast and fellowship monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the Private Dining Room of Lutheran Hillside Village. All gentleman of the church are welcome. The next meetings are scheduled for July 16th, August 20th and September 17th.

First Federated Women's Club ▪ Currently On Summer Hiatus

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.

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 July 27th meeting will be I, Eliza Hamilton by Susan Holloway Scott. Selected reading for the August 24th meeting will be Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan Henry.



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/ or by contacting the church office at 309-685-5258, X-100 or cwalter@ffcpeoria.com.

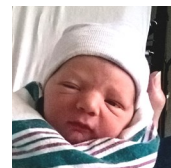
A Matter of Record

Completed This Part Of Life

June 2nd ~ Phyllis Rosenbaum, Mother of Jim Rosenbaum

Blessings Delivered

- June 23rd, Brecklin David Barch, parents are Natalie & Kale, grandparents are Lisa & Rev. Steve Barch.



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

- 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.



Count Your Blessings ~ Why I Give

In 2015 and 2016, Shane, Sophie and I were just getting ready to move to Peoria from St. Louis. At first I was very excited about the move as I had always loved the idea of moving "home". But over time, I became very apprehensive. I was moving away from a life we created over the last 5 years. We were leaving good jobs, a beautiful community, and friends as well as family. Since we would be building a house we would temporarily be moving in with my parents for 6-8 months, and working in the family business. Plus, we'd be making new friends in a smaller community. It was starting to seem absurd. Basically I was moving towards an unknown and taking a large risk.

About 6 months before the move I started to have extreme anxiety and moderate depression. I was in a very slow downward spiral, a spiral that I don't think I realized at the time. Just as I thought I was sitting rock bottom I developed sinus infections that I couldn't kick. I was put on large doses of antibiotics and steroids. It was then that we discovered that I'm severely allergic to some medications.

Anxiety turned to panic attacks. Depression turned severe and insomnia developed. I hit rock bottom and wanted it to end. You know you are at rock bottom when you want to check yourself into a hospital while on vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico with all my in-laws present! My wonderful husband and psychologist gave me the courage to get back to the State, and on the road to recovery.

During a very long night at the hospital interrogating the universe and waving my accusatory fist in the air, frustrated as to why I was going through this, why I was not strong enough, and my biggest question, "What's the purpose of life?" After all, we're all going to die. Then, all of a sudden, a little voice from within whispered "Love" and a powerful presence wrapped me in the biggest hug I had ever felt. "It's love"--the purpose is love.

I told Shane the next day that I wanted to look for a church. He investigated probably every church within 30 miles, and we ended up here at First Federated. I still remember our first Sunday, and that Presence that I felt that night at the hospital was sitting next to me.

There is not a Sunday that goes by that I do not hear something in the sermon that I need to hear, whether it's fuel for the week, challenging my current perspectives, charging me to take action- or providing comfort.

I give so that my family and I have a tangible place to go to worship together, to hear stories that are thousands of years old that ground us in tradition. These ancient stories are brought to life in Frosty's sermons, and still ring true today. They remind us what it means to be human.

I give so that hopefully anyone who partakes in any given Sunday will hear what they need to hear for both their personal and spiritual growth, find comfort, and be challenged or charged.

I give so that you and I can fully live into our humanity and divinity.

Jamie Richardson
FFC Executive Board Member
Class of 2021



*Shane, Sophie, and Jamie Richardson
(Not Pictured is Finley Richardson)*

THIS SUMMER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school on the third floor throughout July and August. Join us for movies, snacks and games!

Junior high students are encouraged to come up and help.

Our Sunday school curriculum year will begin on September 8th with a kickoff carnival and cookout!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

Sunday, August 18th, 11:15 am.

Fall Sunday school calendar and curriculum planning.

Lunch will be served.

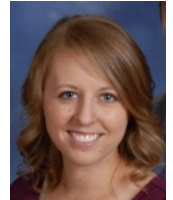
Childcare will be available.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Kick-Off Sunday ~ Sunday, September 8th

First day of Sunday school - new program year

Cookout and Carnival Following 10 am worship service.



Jessica Sheley

Director of Children's Ministries

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Available Chancel Flower Dedication Dates

INTERESTED IN DEDICATING A SUNDAY?

Each Sunday we have an opportunity for a Chancel floral dedication. We have two types of dedications: floral dedication or financial contribution dedication.

Your dedication can be an every year dedication or a one-time-only dedication. Continuing dedications will be contacted yearly in the month prior to confirm commitment and information.

Floral contributions are real floral arrangements. You choose the florist, choose the arrangement, pay for, and make arrangement for delivery. You will provide the church office with your dedication information.

For financial contribution dedications one of our beautiful permanent arrangements will be placed in the Chancel. Your dedication in our Sunday bulletin will state that the arrangement represents a "contribution to" and will state your choice of dedication recipient. Your recipient can be, but is not limited to any FFC department or Mission project.

Contact the church office if you have any questions at 309-685-5258, X~100.

Dedications are arranged by Sunday of month: 1st Sunday of month, 2nd Sunday of month, etc. so actual dates will fluctuate. Below is a list of available Sundays.

JANUARY

1st Sunday of January

3rd Sunday of January

4th Sunday of January

FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday of February

MARCH

1st Sunday of March

3rd Sunday of March

4th Sunday of March

MAY

3rd Sunday of May

4th Sunday of May

JUNE

All Sundays in June

JULY

2nd Sunday of July

AUGUST

2nd Sunday of August

SEPTEMBER

4th Sunday of September

NOVEMBER

1st Sunday of November

4th Sunday of November



Upcoming Preschool Dates

July

July 1st - 5th ~ Sports Week
July 4th ~ Preschool closed for 4th of July
Have a safe and happy holiday!
July 8th - 12th ~ Outer Space Week
July 15th - 19th ~ Oceans Week
July 22nd - 26th ~ Dinosaur Week
July 29th - August 3rd ~ Bug Week

August

August 2nd
Last Day of Summer Camp
9:30 am ~ School Carnival
August 9th
6:00 pm ~ Preschool Open House
August 12th
First day of new school year



SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Friday, August 2nd, 9:30 am
FFC Parking Lot
(if weather is good, Gym if weather is foul)
Bouncy House, Games, Food & Fun!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Friday, August 9th, 6:00 pm
Come Meet the Teachers
Check out the Classrooms & the Curriculum

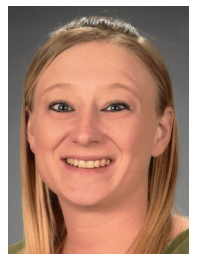


THE PRESCHOOLS AT FFC REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Current Programming:
Part-Day & Full-Day options for ages 2 to 6.
FFC Members and siblings receive a discount on Preschool tuition.

Brittany Arnold
Director, The Preschools at FFC

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*The Preschools at FFC and
the church office will be
closed for the holiday.*



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