

Life Together

WELCOME To Our New Program Year

"Now begin the work, and the Lord be with you."

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

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Glimpse of Grace



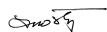
I lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes the from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

So the Psalmist sang centuries ago. During the last week of August I did something that I never did before: I used a week of my study leave to head to the hills of Montreat, North Carolina and planned out, as best as I could, my sermons and ministry for the rest of this calendar year. Christians are often identified by what they believe, but Jesus was more concerned with what his followers did, how they acted, and their attitude toward others. Beginning on September 8th, Kick-Off Sunday, and the following 11 weeks until Advent. I will share a 12 week sermon series on "How Faith Grows: From Mustard Seed to Tree."

And speaking of Kick-Off Sunday, by September 8th, vacations are over, children are back in school, and things are back to "normal." With all of this being true, set aside September 8th as a time for recommitment. I am excited about the programs and leadership that we have going into the fall. Other places in this newsletter will give you the various details, but I hope that you take advantage of the opportunities intended to help you nurture that little fragile plant named "Reverence."

One final note about Kick Off Sunday; it is an ideal time for you to invite someone to join you in worship or Bible study or in a special church event. Did you know that 90% of people visit a church for the first time because someone they know invited them? When is the last time that you invited someone to First Federated Church? (Whenever I do it I remind them that we are open every Sunday.) Who knows, maybe your invitation will be a glimpse of grace in their life!

See you in church.





Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Forrest 'Frosty' Krummel, Jr. \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$309-685-5258, X-101 \$\mathcal{\alpha}\$ fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8th ◆ Start of the New Program Year

FFC Chancel Choir Returns!
Children & Youth Begin Sunday school,
come meet your teachers!

Cookout and Carnival Following 10 am worship service.

Music Ministry

Dear First Federated Church Family,

The program year is here! Chancel Bells and Choir practice will resume on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 and 7:00 PM respectively. We will also practice between the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services on Sundays. Please think of joining us. This Fall will offer chances for both ensembles to be featured as well as an all ladies selection and an all men selection. We are looking to perform a short cantata on December 1st and we will build toward another lovely Christmas Eve service by candlelight.

Once again we will be hosting the Men of Orpheus on December 1st, the Sing It Yourself Messiah on December 8th, and of course playing host to several Peoria Symphony and Central Illinois Youth Symphony events. Check the website, Facebook, and your Home Edition for more information.

Thanks, as always, for your support of the music ministry here at FFC,

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Russel Boulton
Director, Worship and Music

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Pastoral Care ~ Prayer Ministry

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.

Prayer Ministries

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 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 and include photos and information.



Raising Special Funds to Support

Wana Wa Mola Mission, Mombasa Kenya

Snack Pack Ministry For Whittier Primary School & Common Place

A Benefit for Hungry Children Near and Far

Saturday, October 5th 4:00 to 7:00 pm

FFC's Life Together Center 3625 N Sheridan Road, Peoria

\$25 per person / \$200 per table of 8 Childcare available \$10 per child / includes pizza dinner

Event Features:

Food Tastings, Wine & Craft Beer, Raffle Baskets

Professionally Led Trivia Night Competition with Prizes

BUILD A TEAM / BUY A TABLE

RSVP by Thursday, September 26th

Return the response card that came with your invitation or Register and pay online at ffcpeoria.com

Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, those who donated, and those who purchased \$14,179.52 was raised for FFC Missions.



Ongoing FFC Missions

The Center For The Prevention of Abuse

Personal care items, snack items, household items, etc.

Friendship House Food Pantry

Canned goods and personal care items.

Lists are available near the rear door and online. Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.









Worship



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.

Frosty's Fall Sermon Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Working Title	Theme
September 1st	GUEST PREACHER		
September 8th	Luke 14:25-33	The Biggest Threat to the Church in America Today	It is not the "Nones" and "Dones"
September 15th	Luke 15:1-10	Refocus	Grow with integrity
September 22nd	Luke 16:1-13	The Nature of Greed	What it is and what it isn't
September 29th	I Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16: 19-31	A Generous Spirit	The rich man and Lazarus
October 6th World Communion Sunday	II Timothy 1:1-14	Home Grown	The power of the home in faith development
October 13th	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Living in the Present Moment	Living fully where you are, not where you want to be
October 20th	Genesis 32:22-31	An Uneasy Faith	Wrestling with our faith
October 27th Reformation Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	Are You Judging Me?!	Be careful of your prejudices & biases

Chancel Flower Dedication

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. Contact the church office if you would like further information.

Fellowship

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, or would like to make your reservation contact Judy Thompson or Anne Binkele through the church office at 309-685-5258.

EVENT: Saturday, September 21st ~ 6:00 pm. Dinner at Metamora Fields Golf Club. (801 W. Progress Street, Metamora) EVENT: Saturday, October 19th ~ 6:00 pm. Dinner at WeaverRidge Golf Club. (5100 N. Weaverridge Boulevard, Peoria)

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 •

This group is comprised of adults between the ages of 25 and 45, single, married, or with a family. It 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 •

This group gathers on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in our Memorial Lounge beginning Tuesday, September 3rd. 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 gentleman of the church are welcome. The next meetings are scheduled for September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th.

First Federated Women's Club •

The Women's Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month (November & December meetings are combined.)

Wednesday, September 25th. Our program will be "Peoria Stories - Tales of the Heartland" by Ken Zerski, Broadcaster and Author.

Wednesday, October 23rd. Our program will be "Align Peoria - Impact on Our Students" by Marcia Bolden, Align Executive Director.

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.

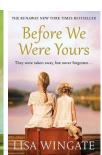
The FFC Book Club •

The Book Club meets the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 an at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway.)

Selected reading for the September 28th meeting will be <u>Britt-Marie Was Here</u> by Fredrik Backman.

Selected reading for the October 26th meeting will be <u>Before We Were Yours</u> by Lisa Wingate.





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.

Our Church Family

A Matter of Record

Birth

First-time Great-Grandfather Jim Christopher is pleased to announce that Emily (Linke) and Nick Denby welcomed a baby boy at 5:08 pm Saturday, June 29th. Jackson Ryder Denby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20 7/8 inches long. His grandparents are Wendy (Christopher) Linke and Donald Linke Jr.



Weddings

Saturday, July 13th at 11 am in our Chapel, Rev. Frosty Krummel joined FFC former employee and friend Jill Lytle to David Roth in marriage. Katie Lytle and Casey Roth served as Maiden of Honor and Best Man for the newlyweds.



Also on Saturday, July 13th at 4 pm in our Sanctuary Rev. Frosty Krummel and Rev. Mike Selberg joined FFC member Emily Marshall to Richard Hallam of Pekin in marriage. Parents of the bride are FFC members Carol and Doug Marshall.

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.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, July 28th we welcomed 3 new members to our First Federated Church family. Ann Ferry and Sharey Willi at the 8:00 am service and Mimi Anderson at the 10:00 am service.



Mimi Anderson



Ann Ferry



Sharey Willi



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.

Welcome New Employees



Jay Schierer Buildings and Grounds



Liz Thomas Little Lambs



Trena Gama Little Lambs



Vicki McIntyre Bo-Peep

September In Sunday School (K~5th Grade)

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend

on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Life App: Trust – Putting your confidence in someone you

can depend on

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Sunday, September 1st

Labor Day Weekend – Veggie Tales and popcorn during Sunday school

Sunday, September 8th

Sunday school kick-off! Come and meet your new teachers and classmates!

Sunday, September 15th

Bible Story: Jacob's Dream – Genesis 28:10-22 Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Sunday, September 22nd

Bible Story: Joseph is Sold by his Brothers – Genesis 37, 39:1-2

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

Sunday, September 29th

Bible Story: Joseph is in Jail – Genesis 40

Bottom Line: When life doesn't make sense, you can trust

God is with you.

October In Sunday School (K~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

Life App: Courage – being brave enough to do what you

should do, even when you're afraid.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Sunday, October 6th

Bible Story: Moses is Born – Exodus 2:1-10

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

Sunday, October 13th

Bible Story: Moses and the Burning Bush – Exodus 3-6:12 Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready.

Sunday, October 20th

Bible Story: Israel Goes Through the Red Sea

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

Sunday, October 27th

Bible Story: Twelve Men Check Out the Land of Canaan – Numbers 13-14

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

Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, September 8th ~ Start of New Program Year Come meet your teachers!

Cookout and Carnival following 10 am worship service. Bounce House and Face Painting on the lawn.

Bible Dedication

Sunday, September 29th

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

Bible Workshop

Sunday, September 29th

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

Shoebox Sunday Sunday, November 3rd

- On November 3rd, the Sunday school children and youth will be packing 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 monetary donations are helpful too!!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Personal items: Toothbrushes, bar soap, lip balm, flip flops,

hair brush, etc.

Small toys: Stuffed animal, flashlight/batteries, mini-

balls, pens & notebooks, crayons, etc.

Drop off your supplies in one of the boxes located at the church entrances beginning October 6th.



Jessica Sheley
Director of Children's Ministries

Junior High Sunday School

- Junior High students will be using
 Orange Curriculum during Sunday school
 this year. The students will begin with a two-week series called
 Link, explaining why and how we pray to God.
- In week 1 they will learn how prayer links them to God.
- In week 2 they will learn that prayer isn't about the words you say, but it is more about the way you pray.
- They will focus on the book of Psalms, which is a collection of prayers that demonstrate that God is interested in all of our feelings and experiences - our deepest frustrations and fears, our anxiety and concerns, and our praises.
- Junior High students attend Sunday school following the Children's Message during the 10 am worship service.

Junior High Special Events

Friday, September 27th

Fellowship Event – Place and Time TBA

Sunday, September 29th

Service Event during Sunday school – Fellowship Hour setup and greeting.

Sunday, October 27th

Service Event during Sunday school — Operation Christmas Child setup and preparation

Senior High

Fellowship / Sunday School

 Senior High students gather for study, food, fellowship and fun on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Senior High rooms on the 3rd floor of the church (unless otherwise indicated.)

Sunday, September 8th

5:30-8:00 Swim Party and Cookout at the Alderson's RSVP to Carrie Bottrell carriebotrell@gmail.com

Sunday, September 15th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, September 22nd

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, September 29th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, October 6th

6:00-8:00 Glass Blowing at Glass Blowing Studio

We will make a Super Sun catcher, cost of \$30 due by Sunday, September 22nd to attend this event

Sunday, October 13th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, October 20th

5:30-8:00 Cookout at the Richardson's

More details to follow

Sunday, October 27th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, November 3rd

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

The Preschools at First Federated Church



Upcoming Preschool Dates

September

2nd - Labor Day, School closed 6th - Grandparents Day

October

31st - Classroom Halloween Parties, Families welcome

Registration Is Open

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



ROB BELL

Theology On Tap Is Back!

- Beginning Tuesday, September 10th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Gather in the Garden Room of our Life Together Center
- Moderating is Shane Richardson
- Our first book will be <u>Love Wins</u> by Rob Bell. In <u>Love Wins</u>, bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith - hell and the afterlife arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever?
- Each week a group member will provide refreshment. Sign-up at reception desk.
- All are welcome.



Watch the Home Edition, IstNews, Facebook & YouTube for additional

Christian Education Experiences.

Adult Monday Bible Study

- · Will begin September 9th
- Mondays, 12:30 -1:30 pm
- Bride's Lounge, 2nd floor



- Frosty will lead this Great Courses Old Testament Bible Study
- All that you need to bring is an inquisitive and open mind.

Thursday Off Campus Bible Studies

- · Beginning Thursday, September 12th
 - Independence Village, Thursdays at 9:15 am
 - Led by Robert Montgomery
 - Lutheran Hillside Village, Thursdays at 10:15 am
 - · Led by Frosty Krummel

Meditation Group

- · Beginning Thursday, September 19th
 - · Memorial Lounge, Thursdays at 10:00 am
 - Moderating is Ann Voll.
 - For information contact the church office at 309685-5258.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Hands

A Stewardship Moment shared with the congregation during 10 am worship Sunday, August 18th.

Good morning! My name is Eileen Resnick, I'm a 19-year-old college sophomore.

I have participated in weekly Sunday school, the confirmation process, and the Junior and Senior High youth groups.

Since I am now an adult member here, I can reflect on what the FFC youth program has done for me. While we studied the Bible and pondered Christian doctrine, what youth group gave me was a family. Each and every person I interacted with guided me through the process of what it means to be a part of this church community.

Bonding with the people here, whether it was just chatting in the third floor rooms or going on an unforgettable week long mission trip, is what makes this program so dear to my heart. And this program would not be possible without all of you.

So thank you for your support which continues to strengthen our youth ministry.

Eileen Resnick FFC Congregant



2020 Stewardship Kick-Off

> Information Available Sunday, September 8th

> > 8:30 to 9:45am In The Commons

At the Cook-Out & Carnival following the 10 am worship service.

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Children's Midweek Ministry

- Wednesdays in October ~ 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.
- . 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- · Kindergarten through 5th grade
- · Ministry, manners, food and fun.
- For more information contact Jessica Sheley at jsheley@ffcpeoria.com or 309-685-5258 X-105.
- Look for your registration in the mail or in the information Kiosks at most church entrances.

Plan NOW to become a part of our LIFE TOGETHER!



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