



Our Life Together

Operation Christmas Child ~ Shoebox Sunday Sunday, November 3rd

Our Sunday school children will pack shoeboxes with donated items during Sunday school on this Sunday. Our shoeboxes will be gathered, and added to the shoeboxes of many other churches in our area and beyond.



Hanging of the Greens ~ Fellowship, Fun, and Food

Sunday, November 24th, 11:30 am in the Bride's Lounge (2nd floor) ~ Lunch served at 12:30 pm

Join the Deacons as they decorate our church for the Christmas season

Members, families and friends are invited to spread Christmas cheer throughout our church.

RSVP by Thursday, November 21st to

Debby Triebel at dtloyd@comcast.net

or Ann Ragsdale at aragsdale47@gmail.com.



Gingerbread House Party Sunday, December 1st, 5:00 pm

In the Life Together Center of First Federated Church.

This event includes a homemade meal and, of course, gingerbread decorating!

YOUR COST: A bag of decorating candy to share and a donation for the food pantry.

IMPORTANT: Please sign up! Sign up sheets are available at the reception desk and at Preschool information tables and on our website: ffcpeoria.com.

Christmas Eve Worship Services, Tuesday, December 24th

2:00 pm Afternoon Service: This service features Christmas carols and the Christmas story shared through readings and hymns. The service will close with candlelight and the singing of *Silent Night*.

5:00 pm Family Service: This family-oriented service features Christmas carols and the Christmas story shared through readings and hymns. The service will close with candlelight and the singing of *Silent Night*.

11:00 pm Candlelight Service: This beautiful candlelit service features special music by our Chancel Choir. Following the sermon, worshippers will join in singing *Silent Night* as the Sanctuary becomes brighter with the passing of the light of Christ.



The First Federated Church of Peoria

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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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Glimpse of Grace



When you receive this newsletter we will begin the "holiday ride:" All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. It is at this time of year that I get out my well worn copy of Charles Dickens'

timeless parable of redemption, *A Christmas Carol*.

The novelette is set on Christmas Eve and begins with Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter greedy old curmudgeon of a man whose world has grown small with the passing of the years. As he walks home on a foggy cold December night he hears strange noises--a coach roaring down the street, voices in the mist. These apparitions continued as he settles down to a bowl of soup in the comfort of his bedroom. Suddenly the room comes alive. A service bell, covered with cobwebs from years of disuse, rings wildly, and the face of Jacob Marley, his long deceased partner, appears on the mantle.

And then, Marley himself, or the ghost of Marley stands before him. Weighted down with heavy chains and metal money boxes he frightens Scrooge. "Speak comfort to me, Jacob," Ebenezer begs. "I have none to give," Marley replied. The chains and metal money boxes that he carries with him throughout eternity forged by his past decisions--those things that he should have done but failed to do.

At a loss for words, Scrooge tells Marley that he always considered his deceased partner was a "good man of business." At this the ghost shrieks, "Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business."

Each year I ponder, "What business am I in?" For that matter, "What business are you in?"

By business, I don't mean how we earn a living, but why did God deign for any

of us to be born? What Purpose do you think God had in mind? After all, we are not an accident, no matter what anyone else may say or think. We are children of God, and therefore precious in the sight of God. We are the sum total of all of our ancestors. And each one of us is a unique creation. No one has ever had a set of abilities, experiences, or insights.

And while we are thinking about it, have you ever wondered what business First Federated Church is in? What was God thinking when the Almighty lead two dissimilar downtown congregations to come together--two congregations under one roof and governing board. One congregation was quite liberal, active in the abolitionist movement and boasted that the leading agnostic of the day, Robert Ingersoll, paid a "pew rent" each year. The other congregation was more conservative and maybe even reactionary. It took six different "building committees" to settle on our current location. Back then it was at the far edge of Peoria. Today it is in the city's "central" area.

And here we are over 80 years later. What did God have in mind when God birthed us?

When the Westminster Divines wrote in their catechism that God created each one of us, and even First Federated Church "To glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

In the words of Jacob Marley, "Humanity" is our business. The least, the last, the lost, and the lonely are our business. "Whoever wishes to save their life" Jesus once said, "will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake and the Gospel's will save it."

We find purpose and meaning in life only in so far as we give ourselves away, to the glory of God. Let us not grow weary in doing what is right.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.

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

The Call to Active Members Of First Federated Church of Peoria, Illinois To the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of First Federated Church, Peoria, Illinois shall be held Sunday, December 8th, 2019 five (5) minutes after the Benediction at the congregation's 10 o'clock am worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. Receive the report of the Nominating Committee;
2. The election of officers;
3. The approval of the 2020 annual budget, as presented by the Executive Board;
4. And other business related to the above items.



Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr
Moderator

Vice Moderator

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee places the following individuals in nomination for the positions and terms indicated below.

Wana Wa Mola Update

A Note from Our Mission Partner in Mombasa, Kenya:

Settling in Mombasa will always be the toughest best decision I made a decade ago. I left my own beautiful country, friends, family and personal desires. But, it was not the best decision that I have made up to this point in my life. I believe in: loving the least, last and lost community.

I issue a warning to the forces of Darkness:

"My freedom is by choice and designed by Holy Spirit Fire and Christ's Blood. That's why I am confident. "I will I see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." (Psalm 27:13)

Daniel Okiror, Director of Wana Wa Mola



FFC Giving Tree

Please bring a smile to the face of a young person by providing them something special and new this Christmas.

The Giving Tree will be placed in the Commons by mid-November and will benefit children from Common Place and Crittenton Center.

You can choose one or more stars, purchase the gifts, and place the wrapped gifts with star firmly attached to the outside of the gift back under the tree.

Mission Committee volunteers will deliver the gifts mid-December for Christmas delivery to the recipients!



Annual FFC Christmas Catalog

Each year our Missions Committee prepares a special "Gifting Catalog" packed with descriptions of local organizations chosen to reflect our concern and caring for the young, the elderly, and the vulnerable in our community.

This catalog will reach your mail box early in November and represents a unique giving opportunity. Most Advent Sundays will feature one of our catalog mission concerns during a "Mission Moment" at the 10 am worship service.

Crittenton Stocking Stuffer Store

Once again we will partner with the Crittenton Centers and provide a shopping experience for preschoolers in their related programs. Volunteers are always welcomed to help little ones pick out gifts for Mom and Dad, Brother and Sister, Grandma and Grandpa.

Watch the Home Edition and 1stNews for this year's shopping date. For more information, please contact the church office at 309-685-5258.



Ongoing FFC Missions

Snack Packs For Whittier Elementary and Common Place

- Volunteers pack each Thursday morning at 8:30 am.

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 and in the Narthex.

The Center For The Prevention of Abuse

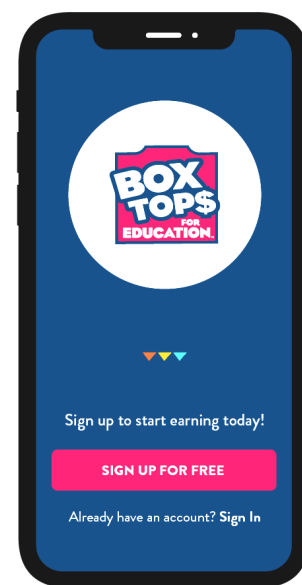
- Personal care items, snack items, etc. Please see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church and in the Narthex.

Passport To Hope Thank You!

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers,
those who donated,
and those who purchased

\$8,942.33

was raised for
hungry children
both near and far.



Pastoral Care ~ Prayer Ministry

Pastoral Calls, Hospital Visits, or Home Communion

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 and then contact the church office.

Communion served at your home? Please contact 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

Pastoral Care Minister

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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.

Lumiere at Westminster Presbyterian Church • Sunday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm

Dr. Jost will lead this new chamber choir in an evening of powerful music. The range of style and repertoire is rarely matched and the vocal quality is stunning. Emma and Russel Boulton are members of this ensemble. This promises to be a moving experience. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Peoria Heights Community Band gives a Veteran's Program at FFC • Tuesday, November 12th, 7:00 pm

FFC is now the rehearsal home to the Peoria Heights Community Band. This event will be a special musical to tribute the Armed Services in our sanctuary. A goodwill offering will be taken to support the ensemble and their cause. Come and hear our halls ring with the songs of our country.

Bradley University Community Chorus at St. Mary's Cathedral • Sunday, November 24th, 4:00 pm

Dr. Cory Ganshow will lead the orchestra and chorus in Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*, which is a seven part musical adventure through the Psalms using seven different languages. Russ and Emma sing in the ensemble and want you to experience this triumphant expression of music and joy! For ticket information contact the Box Office in the Hartmann Center at (309) 677-2650.

Orpheus Men's Choir Perform at First Federated Church • Sunday, December 1st, 3:00 pm

The Men of Orpheus will be lead by Russel in a musical trip through the Fall and set up the Christmas Holiday season with wonderful singing, humor, and warm wishes to finish out the year. It would be great to see a large FFC presence to welcome the dozens of visitors this concert welcomes into our grand sanctuary. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

The First Federated Church Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata • Sunday, December 8th, 10:00 am service

This year Karl Kempter's *Mass of the Shepherds* will be performed. This Missa pastoria in F Major was enjoyed in Southern Germany. The melodic material was taken from folk song and the calls between shepherds in the foothills of the Alps. The Latin setting was first sung in the 1850s as a part of a small Parrish's Christmas Mass. For this setting we will be joined by the River City Strings, which was made possible by a gift from Sid and Flo Banwart.

Sing It Yourself Messiah at First Federated Church • Sunday, December 8th, 2:30 pm

This annual holiday tradition will return to the sanctuary of FFC. Boasting of great local talent, the orchestra and soloists will help Dr. John Jost guide the singing audience through the life of Jesus in Handel's musical telling. This event draws hundreds to our church and is an endearing tradition, which is amplified by FFC's stunning Advent decor. Please attend, sing, listen, and welcome the dozens of guests to our church. A free will offering will be taken to support this production.

Limestone Community High School Madrigal Dinner • December 6th, 7th, and 8th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Tickets go on sale Sunday, November 3rd (doors open at 12:00) from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the high school cafeteria (4201 S Airport Rd, Bartonville.)

Metamora Township High School, Morton High School, Washington Community High School, Dunlap High, Richwoods High School, and Illini Bluffs High School also offer Madrigal Dinners.

Go out and support these wonderful, young performers and also start the holidays off with a special treat of music, food, and a joyful spirit.

Madrigal Dinner • December 13th, 14th (evening) and 15th (afternoon) (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Our own Mr. Russ will be part of a Madrigal Dinner performance at Coyote Creek Club House. Visit Arclightpro.com for more information.

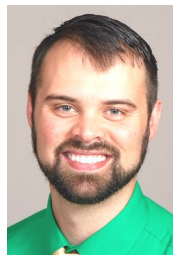
Thank you for your continued support of First Federated Church's wonderful music ministry and your support of other area musical programs. We hope to continue providing a beautiful and diverse musical program.

We are always seeking additional Chancel Choir and / or Chancel Bell members. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining us.



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, or would like to make your reservation, contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

EVENT: Saturday, November 9th ~ 6:00 pm. Dinner at Bernardi's Restaurant (2137 Washington Road, Washington)

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. 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 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 November 19th, December 17th, and January 21st.

First Federated Women's Club ▪

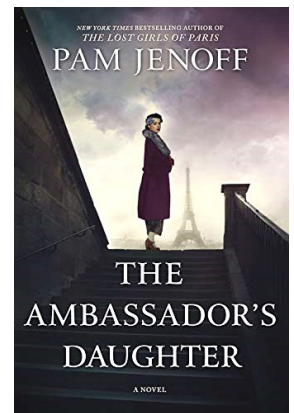
The Women's Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month (*November & December meetings are combined*). Wednesday, December 4th: Our program will be a Christmas Sing-A-Long. Holiday eats and treats will be shared. Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact Women's Club President, Ann Ragsdale at 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.) The November / December meetings are combined.

Selected reading for the December 7th meeting will be *The Ambassador's Daughter* by Pam Jenoff .

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

Birth

Grandparents Margie and Ken Selburg are pleased to announce the birth of grandson Kaius Selburg on Sunday, July 28th. Kaius was 10 lbs, 10 oz and 21.5 inches long. His parents are John and Ashlee Selburg.



Weddings

Saturday, October 18th Rev. Frosty Krummel joined FFC member Celsy Martindale and Andrew Young in marriage.

Completed This Part of Life

Thursday, September 19th ~ Lea (Opel) Ebner

Thursday, September 19th ~ Thomas Maloney, father of Cindy Morris

Sunday, September 29th ~ Al Murphy

Monday, October 21st - Bonnie Hinrichsen

*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.*

Our Welcoming Hospitality



The Dough Boys of FFC Make Amish Friendship Bread

The "Dough Boys" of FFC spent a Saturday morning making Amish Friendship bread in preparation for our "Invite a Friend" to church Sunday as well as for a future fellowship hour following worship.

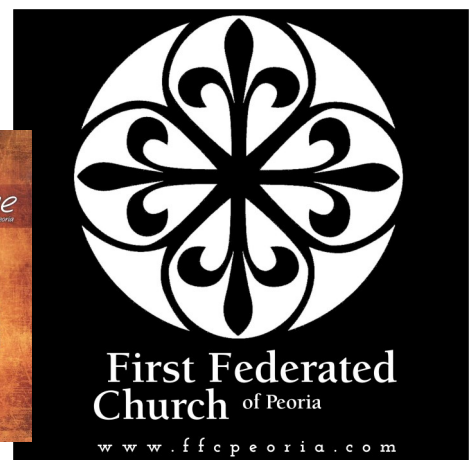
Headed up by Master Chefs Luke Sheley and Hans Busch, the bakers enjoyed the fellowship, telling stories, and laughing about the foibles of making 75 loaves of bread! Frosty, Mr. Russ, and Brian Hulin also lent a hand.



Welcome To Our Friends and Visitors

Look for our special "Ask Me" guides for directions or a helping hand.

Check out our "New Visitor" bags! Each bag will hold an informational packet and a friendship loaf of bread.



Interested in
Membership?
Maybe NOW is the time!

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.

November In Sunday School

(K~5th Grade)

Memory Verse: Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Romans 12:10

Life App: Honor – letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Sunday, November 3rd

All children will participate in Shoebox Sunday.

Sunday, November 10th

Bible Story: David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17

Bottom Line: Honor others by giving them a chance

Sunday, November 17th

Bible Story: David and Jonathan 1 Samuel 18:1-11

Bottom Line: Honor others by putting them first

Sunday, November 24th

Christmas program practice.

December In Sunday School

(K~5th Grade)

Sunday, December 1st

Christmas program practice

Sunday, December 8th

Christmas program practice



*Children's
Christmas Program*

**Saturday, December 14th**

Christmas Program Rehearsal, 12:30, Sanctuary

Pizza party to follow in Fellowship Hall!

Sunday, December 15th

Children's Christmas program during Sunday school

Sunday, December 22nd

Movie and popcorn during Sunday school

Sunday, December 29th

Movie and popcorn during Sunday school

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.
- Drop off your supplies in one of the baskets by 10 am Sunday, November 3rd.
- 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.

Gingerbread House Party**Sunday, December 1st**

- 5:00 pm, Life Together Center
- This event includes a homemade meal and, of course, gingerbread decorating!

**YOUR COST:**

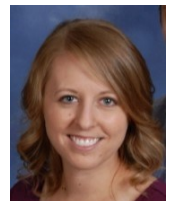
- A bag of decorating candy to share
- A donation for the food pantry

IMPORTANT TO SIGN UP:

Sign up sheets are available:

- At the reception desk
- At Preschool information tables
- Or sign-up online: ffcpeoria.com

Jessica Sheley
Director of Children's Ministries



Junior High Sunday School

In November and December, the junior high students will be doing a lesson series called "Over It," which teaches about how the power of forgiveness changes not only others, but also ourselves.

Junior High Special Events & Service Opportunities

Sunday, November 3rd

Assist with Shoebox Sunday events

Friday, November 8th

Fellowship Event – First Federated Church

Sundays, November 17th and 24th

Service Opportunity - Gingerbread Baking

Saturday, November 30th

Service Opportunity - Gingerbread Party set-up and pizza lunch, 10:00 am.

Sunday, December 1st

Gingerbread Party, 5:00 pm

Friday, December 6th

Junior High Christmas party

Sundays, December 22nd and 29th

Service Opportunity - Assist with movies and snacks during Sunday school.

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, November 3rd

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, November 10th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, November 17th

5:30-7:00 First Federated Church

Sunday, November 24th

No Senior High Gathering

Sunday, December 1st

Gingerbread House Party

Sunday, December 8th

5:30-7:00 Senior High Christmas party

Sunday, December 15th

9:30 am Strolling Meal Set-up

11:00 am Strolling Meal

Sundays, December 22nd, 29th and January 6th

No Senior High Gatherings *Fellowship / Sunday*

Fellowship / Sunday School Resumes January 12th

2019 - 2020 Confirmation Schedule

We are continuing our Confirmation in "retreat" format. We will hold four 3-hour-long retreats (including lunch and fellowship time) throughout our second semester. Please add these important dates to your calendars:

Sunday, November 17th, 9:30 am, Junior High Room, 3rd floor

Confirmation Program informational meeting for both parent and students.

Retreat Dates:

Sunday, January 12th, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sunday, February 9th, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 15th, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sunday, April 5th, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Executive Board Presentation

Monday, April 20th, Time To Be Determined: Confirmands present stoles to Executive Board members and answer questions about same.

Confirmation Sunday, Sunday, April 26th

Confirmation Breakfast, 8:30 am, Bride's Lounge

Confirmation, 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

We hope to see you at the informational meeting on November 17th. Frosty and I will answer frequently asked questions, go over the retreat schedule, the confirmation stoles, and what to do if you miss a retreat.

Jessica Sheley

☎309-685-5258 X-105 📧jsheley@ffcpeoria.com

Sit and Shop

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Let Our Senior Highs
Babysit While You
Shop!

Saturday, December 7th
9 am to Noon

Recommended
Donation:

1 child: \$5 per hour

2 children and up: \$10 per hour / family



Make Your Reservation!

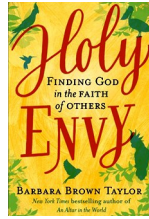
Contact:

Anni Reinking

annireinking@gmail.com

Theology On Tap Is Back!

- Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Gather in the Garden Room of our Life Together Center
- Moderating is Shane Richardson
- Our current book is Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- All are welcome.



Adult Monday Bible Study

- 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

- Independence Village, Thursdays at 9:15 am
Led by Robert Montgomery
 - Lutheran Hillside Village, Thursdays at 10:15 am
Led by Frosty Krummel
- NO CLASSES: Thursday, November 28th (Thanksgiving Break)
Thursdays, December 19th, 26th, January 2nd (Christmas Break)

Meditation Group

- Meets the First Thursday of each month, our next meetings are December 5th and January 9th, 10:00 am in our Memorial Lounge
- Moderating is Ann Voll. For information contact Ann at the church office at 309-685-5258.

Frosty's Sermon Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Working Title	Theme
November 3rd All Saints' Sunday	I Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	You Are In My Thoughts and Prayers	The story of Zachaeus
November 10th	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Be Strong	God works with and through us
November 17th	Isaiah 65:17-25	Getting In the Path of What God's Doing	Easily and Handy
November 24th	I Thessalonians 5:12-28	Thank the Lord for Happy Hearts	A Thanksgiving message
December 1st	Isaiah :2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14	The Invitation	We're invited to be part of something greater than ourselves
December 8th	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15:4-13	This Is the Season of Hope	A Christmas Story / Sears catalogue / things we hope for
December 15th	Isaiah 35: 1-10; James 5:7-10	Be Patient	It is not only God's movement toward us but our movement toward God
December 22nd	Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7	Can You Feel the Love	Song from Lion King / Love Came Down at Christmas
December 24th Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2: 1-20	Joy to the World	
December 29th	Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23	The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail	

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Upcoming Preschool Dates

November 2019

27th - The Preschools at FFC will be closing at 12:00 pm.

28th through 30th - No School
Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 2019

12th - Preschool Christmas Program, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

20th - Preschool Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall (gym)
from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Families are welcome.

The Preschools at FFC will be closing at 12:00 pm

23rd through January 3rd - No School,
Closed for Christmas Break

Thank You!

Your response to our recent
Photo Fundraiser was phenomenal!

We would like to thank everyone who
contributed.

The cash received was put toward
basketball hoops and balls for the gym, paint,
paper and easels and sand for the sand tables.

The children are gaining joy and
knowledge from the many educational toys
that were received.

We truly appreciate your generosity and
your support for FFC's Preschool Program.

The Preschool Children & Staff

Registration Is Open

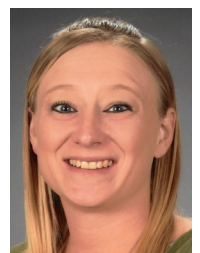
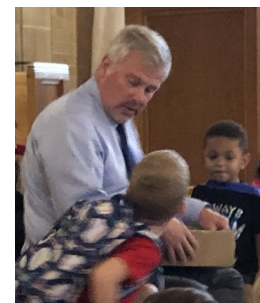
Current Programming:

Part-Day & Full-Day options for ages 2 to 6.

FFC Members and siblings receive a discount on Preschool tuition.

Backpack Blessing At The Preschools at First Federated Church

We began this new school year by welcoming our many new families with a Backpack Blessing for our children and teachers. Director of Worship and Music, Russel Boulton played a familiar children's song on the organ. Pastor Krummel told the children and teachers a story about how much God loves them. Each student and teacher received a fish shaped carabiner for their backpack. Their time together ended with a prayer.



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Children's Midweek Ministry

- Wednesdays in January ~ 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
- 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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