



Our Life Together

Glimpse of Grace



I felt sad as I walked out of the dark sanctuary. A few weeks ago I visited a historic church in Chicago. As I entered the dark gothic structure and watched people mill around in hushed voices I made my way to the balcony. The host who greeted me as I walked into the sanctuary invited me to touch one of the Tiffany stained

glass windows that lined the rectangular worship space. "You don't have the opportunity to touch real Tiffany stained glass every day," she said invitingly.

Perched in the balcony and looking down upon the worship space below--the chancel, the pulpit, the intricate baptismal font--I silently pictured a Christmas Eve candlelight service or a joyous Easter morning service. I reflected upon shadows of the marriages and baptisms and funerals that had been marked in the stone structure. I looked at the carpet near a radiator, a floral patterned design that looked well-worn. It made me a little sad.

Located near Soldier Field I was told that parking on game day was impossible. The church had been built before the wide use of automobiles. Now parking boxes lined both sides of the street. The parking lot was a little larger than a wide alley. The neighborhood had changed. The well-to-do families whose names were familiar in Chicago, the Midwest, and beyond have long passed.

The greatest gift that "legacy" members can leave to future generations are the resources to make future generations possible.

As I walked to my car I remembered the story of another cathedral. Located in Oxford, England the Earl of Wickham in 1351 commissioned an awe-inspiring structure that truly glorified God. Generations later the oak beams needed to be replaced. The elders approached the Earl's descendants to inquire about their financial support. To their great surprise and delight they were told that the Earl had planned for such a time. As the cathedral was being constructed he planted a grove of oak trees to be used for this future time.

I have been an ordained pastor for nearly 40 years. I have served small rural congregations and large urban ones. I have heard pros and cons about church endowments. Some say that large church endowments make members financially lazy. But I do not believe this. I believe that financial robustness and laziness are really a spiritually matter of stewardship. I have seen great ministries carried out because of generous endowments. I have also seen great ministries flounder because of lack of funding. I believe that large endowments can be used to support beautiful "cathedrals," placing of literal awe, thus enabling the living members of the church to carry out the ministry of preaching and teaching. The greatest gift that "legacy" members can leave to future generations are the resources to make future generations possible.

I believe that remembering your spiritual home in your estate planning is every bit as important as remembering your alma mater or favorite charity. Have you remembered First Federated Church in your estate plans?

Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.

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Monday - Friday

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

ffcpeoria.com

Thank You, Good Bye ~ Welcome, Hello

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

With the start of a new year we express our appreciation to the members of our Executive Board whose terms have come to an end.

Our Board of Deacons are the compassionate hands and heart of the congregation. Often they work behind the scenes, unnoticed as they care for the congregation in the members' times of "plenty and want." Their most "public" ministry is one of compassion as they comfort families during times of grief.

Welcome, We Look Forward To Serving With You

Welcome to our incoming Executive Board Members

Board of Deacon Members

Incoming Nominating Committee Members

Clerk of the Congregation

Missions

FFC's Souper Bowl Sunday

All Proceeds go to Midwest Food Bank

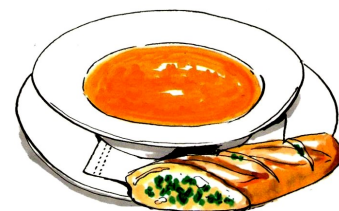
- Sunday, February 2nd, following the 10:00 am worship service in our Fellowship Hall
- \$6 per adult, \$4 per child, or \$20 for a family

Soup Judging!

- Enter a favorite soup in our soup judging
- Two winners will be chosen: People's Choice and Judge's Choice.
- Win bragging rights for the year!

Make Your Reservation!

- Use the sign up sheet at the reception desk.
- Visit our website: <http://www.ffcpeoria.com/ffcs-souper-bowl-sunday/>



Ongoing FFC Missions

Snack Packs For Whittier Elementary

- 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.

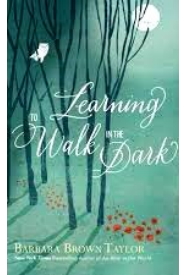
The Center For The Prevention of Abuse

- 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.



Theology On Tap Is Back!

- Is on hiatus until Tuesday, January 21st
- Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Gather in the Garden Room of our Life Together Center
- Moderating is Shane Richardson
- All are welcome.
- The book we will be working on upon our return will be "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbra Brown Taylor.



Frosty's Adult Monday Bible Study

- Will resume Monday, January 6th
- Mondays, 12:30 -1:30 pm, Bride's Lounge, 2nd floor
- All that you need to bring is an inquisitive and open mind.

Thursday Off Campus Bible Studies Classes to Resume January 9th

- 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

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

Scripture / Sermon Schedule ~ January, 2020

Date	Scripture	Theme
Sunday, January 5th Second Sunday after Christmas	Colossians 1:11-20 Series - Christ and the Church	Image of the Invisible God
Sunday, January 12th The Baptism of Christ Installation of Officers	Colossians 1:11-20 Series - Christ and the Church	The Boss
Sunday, January 19th Second Sunday after Epiphany	Colossians 1:11-20 Series - Christ and the Church	Creator
Sunday, January 26th Third Sunday after Epiphany	Guest Minister	

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.

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, January 11th~ 6:00 pm. Dinner at PVII (8205 N Allen Road, Peoria) There will be no event in February.

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 January 21st, February 18th, March 17th, and April 21st.

First Federated Women's Club ▪

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

This group next meets Wednesday, February 26th at noon in the Commons. The program will be "The History Of Springdale Cemetery" by Mark Matuszak. Lunch will be served. (*There is no January meeting.*)

Membership is open to all women of First Federated Church. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

The FFC Book Club ▪

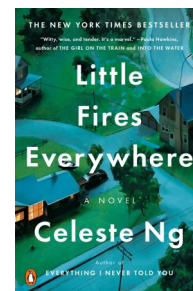
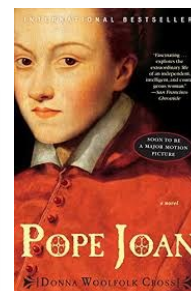
The Book Club meets the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 an at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library (3001 W. Grand Parkway.)

Selected reading for the Saturday, January 25th meeting will be Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross.

Selected reading for the Saturday, February 22nd meeting will be

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

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.



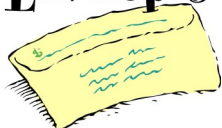
Birth

Completed This Part of Life

Interested in
*M*embership?
Maybe NOW is the time!

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.

Offering Envelopes



- Your requested 2020 offering envelopes are now available on a table just behind the reception desk.
- If you wish to request 2020 offering envelopes there is a sign-up sheet on the table with the envelopes.

January In Sunday School

(K~5th Grade)

Memory Verse: The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth. Proverbs 2:6

Life App: Knowledge – Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Sunday, January 5th

Bible Story: The boy Jesus at the temple Luke 2:41-52

Bottom Line: Knowing God is the most important thing.

Sunday, January 12th

Bible Story: Jesus' Baptism John 1:19-42

Bottom Line: If you want to know God, start with Jesus

Sunday, January 19th

Bible Story: Jesus is tempted in the desert Luke 4:1-13

Bottom Line: Discovering what's in the Bible can help you make the right choice.

Sunday, January 26th

Bible Story: Jesus and John the Baptist 11:1-6

Bottom Line: If you don't understand something about God, ask!

Sunday School Teacher Meeting

- Sunday, January 5th, 11:15 am, Creation Station
- 2nd semester curriculum
- Childcare will be provided



February In Sunday School

(K~5th Grade)

Memory Verse: Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Life App: Love – Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

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

Sunday, February 2nd

Sunday school children will make Valentine's Day cards which will be delivered to Buehler Home on February 9th.

Sunday, February 9th

Sunday school children will deliver Valentine's to the residents of Buehler Home during Sunday school.

Saturday, December 16th

Bible Story: No Greater Love John 15:12-13

Bottom Line: Love others because Jesus loves you.

Sunday, February 23rd

Bible Story: Jesus at the home of Martha and Mary. Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line: Love others with your time.



Pretzel Prayer Sunday

- Sunday, February 23rd
- Children will make pretzels and focus on the meaning of prayer and Lent during Sunday School.



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:

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:

Confirmation Sunday, Sunday, April 26th

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

Confirmation, 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary



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.)

Fellowship / Sunday School Resumes January 12th

Stronghold Update - Save the Dates

Stronghold Retreat - March 6th - 8th

Our 8th Graders are invited to attend Stronghold events

Sunday, January 26 - Bowling Event

Watch our church news or your mailbox for further information.

Junior High Sunday School

In January and February, 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

Watch the church news, your regular mail and email for information about Junior High Fellowship gatherings.



Jessica Sheley

Director of Children's Ministries

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*and a
Happy New Year!*



Upcoming Preschool Dates

January 2020

6th - The Preschools resume all classes
20th - Martin Luther King Day - no school

February 2020

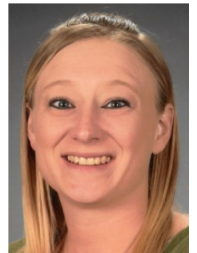
14th - Valentine's Day Party details/times
TBA by FFC teachers

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

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Life Together Center ~ Display Cases

In the gathering area outside of the Boardroom at our Life Together Center are 5 display cases. Congregant Sheila dresses these cases appropriate to each season. Currently we have a Winter Wonderland / Christmas theme.
Thank you Sheila!



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LOGOS

Children's Midweek Ministry

Next Session set for April.
Watch Church news and
your mailbox for more
information.



Hanging of the Greens

*Thanks so much to our
Board of Deacons and
volunteers for the
beautiful job they did
decking our halls!*

It is lovely!

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



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