



# Our Life Together

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering began shortly after World War II to help meet the mission needs of a world recovering from the devastation of the war.

Today, the One Great Hour of Sharing continues to be an interdenominational mission offering that cares for the least, the last, and the lost as Christians around the world do the work of God's Kingdom.



This is FFC's only "denominational" offering. Unless otherwise indicated, 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.

The OGHS collection will be received on Sunday, March 22nd. An envelope is included in this newsletter.

## This Holy Season



PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday Service - April 5th, services at 8:00 and 10:00 am**  
10:00 am will feature Sunday school children's Palm Processional

**Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 9th, service at 6:30 pm**  
We will commemorate Maundy Thursday with our traditional Tenebrae and Communion service.

**Good Friday Meditation - Friday, April 10th**  
This year we will observe Good Friday by having the sanctuary open for prayer, reflection, and devotion from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

**Easter Sunday Service - April 12th**  
We will celebrate the heart of the Christian community with two worship services on Easter Sunday: 8 and 10 am. Both services will be in the sanctuary.



## Don't forget to "SPRING AHEAD" Saturday, March 7th!



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



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## Life Together

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### FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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](http://ffcpeoria.com)

## Glimpse of Grace

We are in the midst of a global pandemic. I am not talking about the coronavirus. That may well turn into a pandemic, perhaps as deadly as the 1917 Flu pandemic, as, like that pandemic, no one currently has antibodies against it and a vaccine has yet to be developed. I am talking about a pandemic that is universal and far more deadly. Mortality. As one wag wrote, "Everyone wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die to get there."

I am writing this Glimpse on Ash Wednesday, the very first day of Lent, a period of time before Easter for us to grow in our faith through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination.

Columnist, commentator, and best selling author David Brooks wrote that in life there are two kinds of virtues; Resume and Obituary.<sup>1</sup> Resume virtues are those that are valued in the marketplace; high test scores and professional achievements. These virtues often result in larger paychecks, job titles, and public

awards. Eulogy virtues are virtues of character. They are things like humility, kindness, and bravery. While he doesn't say it, they are akin to the spiritual virtues of unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, gentleness, self-control, and kindness. At the core of our being, Brooks writes, we know that what matters most in life are the Eulogy virtues.

Success and fame are good up to a point. But as Jesus once asked, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose their soul (Matthew 16:26 & Mark 8:36). Between now and the celebration of Easter I encourage you to reflect upon your Eulogy Virtues. In the end, they are the only ones that really matter.



*Frosty*

1. The Road to Character, c. 2016

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

Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Forrest 'Frosty' Krummel, Jr. ☎ 309-685-5258, X-101 ✉ [fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com)

*This devotion was originally shared with our Executive Board on Monday, February 16th by Executive Board member Karen Henderson, Class of 2021*

You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, well, you just might find, you get what you need.

Most of us will recognize these lyrics from the Rolling Stones hit, but have we ever thought about them and our faith? This came to pass in our family about 5 years ago. I will highlight two family members: my son Alex and me.

In late 2014 Alex had just graduated from Illinois and spent a semester as an intern in Washington D.C. He desperately wanted to get a job there: loved DC and loved working in politics. Jobs at that time were just were not easy to find.

At the same time I found my job at Bradley changing. I had been teaching three classes- which I loved and had worked hard to develop my materials. I was told that because of declining enrollment all classes would be taught by fulltime professors. Adjuncts would now be doing supervisory work.

Alex wanted a job in DC; I wanted my classes back. Then in early 2015 my husband Gordon was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. It was very serious and he needed a stem cell transplant to survive. Without treatment he had months to live.

Instantly life as we knew it was gone. Gordon went into OSF to begin intense chemo to kill the

leukemia cells while a donor was found. It was at this time that our wants were compared to our needs.

Alex had wanted a job in DC. In February he was hired as Chief of Staff for State Senator Bill Brady in Bloomington. Alex may have wanted to live in DC, but he needed to be close to his dad.

I found that my work as a student teacher supervisor was perfect for me. I could set my schedule to observe my students around doctors' appointments and trips to Mayo Clinic. I may have wanted to teach my classes, but I needed the flexibility of my new schedule.

We were fortunate that Gordon got what he never thought he would need: donor stem cells. He is five years past the original diagnosis and in remission.

I have always thought the God does not make bad things happen to us, just provides us with what we need to cope. The book of Joshua states: Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

So as we go about our life, do not despair over the problems we face, but be grateful for the help that comes from God.



*Karen and her husband, Gordon, have been members at FFC for 24 years. Karen has served several terms on our Executive Board and served on several committees. She is also active in both our Handbell and Chancel Choirs.*





## Fresh Food Drive

- Sunday, March 15th, Both 8 and 10 am services, collection will be outside the Chapel.
- Every person is asked to bring fresh produce - think 3, 5, or 10 pound bags of potatoes, apples, oranges, bananas.
- Our Youth will be available to help in the parking lot to help with unloading and transportation.
- The fresh produce will be picked up that morning and delivered to area food pantries struggling with getting fresh produce in a timely and consistent manner (*it is even worse in the winter months*).

## Chili & Spud~A~Licious Lunch!



- Sunday, March 15th, following the 10 am service, Fellowship Hall
- Savory chili and piping-hot spuds, scrumptious toppings, and tasty desserts!
- This is a Mission Committee fundraiser to support our FFC Local Mission Grant Program.
- There will be a free will offering.
- *\*Donation of Chili Needed Please\** We are looking for volunteer chili cooks! Bring a crockpot (or 2) of your favorite chili for sharing or you can add it to the competition! See the sign-ups sheets!



## Rummage Sale Request!

Our Rummage Sale is six months away and we are doing some initial planning. So - here is your question??



***We would like to find out how many, if any, downsizers we have ~ how many of you will be selling your homes and moving to smaller digs? Will you be donating your larger household goods, furniture, etc. to our Rummage Sale?***

If you fit into this category we would like to hear from you as soon as possible. We are planning for collection and storage of these larger items and it would be very helpful if we had an idea of what to expect.

Please contact Greg Johnston, our Missions Committee Moderator, through the church at 309-685-5258 if you can help with this information.



## Ongoing FFC Missions

### Snack Pack

- Packing weekend snacks for children at Whittier Grade School takes place Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the LTC warehouse.

### Box Tops for Education

- The collection box is across from the reception desk.
- The Box Tops are delivered to Thomas Jefferson School.

### 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.

### 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.

## Annual FFC Christmas Catalog

Below are the totals from the 2019 Christmas Catalog.

|  |            |                                     |                    |
|--|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| The Center for the Prevention of Abuse | \$2,083.06 | Center for Youth & Family Solutions | \$1,139.26         |
| Common Place Family Learning Center    | \$2,322.59 | Neighborhood House                  | \$1,637.52         |
| Crittenton Centers                     | \$2,047.04 | PAWS For Independence               | \$3,965.65         |
| ELITE Youth Programs                   | \$4,394.24 | Central Illinois Friends            | \$1,000.00         |
| EPIC                                   | \$1,000.00 | Hult Center for Healthy Living      | \$1,000.00         |
| CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit     | \$1,854.26 |                                     |                    |
| Heddington Oaks                        | \$1,813.46 |                                     |                    |
|  |            | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$24,257.18</b> |

## FFC's Souper Bowl Sunday

To all of our soup contest participants and to all of our Souper Bowl attendees and volunteers!  
Thanks to your generous support we have raised \$618.72 for Midwest Food Bank.

Congratulations to the 2019 Souper Bowl Soup Judging!

Judge's Choice: Carol Long with an Italian Gumbo with Tortellini

People's Choice: Becky Braun with Chicken Tortilla

*Becky's recipe came from Braun family member who recently passed away, Andy felt this win was a wonderful tribute to her.*



## Music Ministry

### Join Our Music Ministry

- 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.

### Lumière, The Sound of Light

- Sunday, March 1st, 6:00 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- This will be the premiere concert for a new chamber ensemble which is directed by Dr. John Jost and in which Emma and Russel are singing.

### Orpheus Club of Peoria: Spring Concert

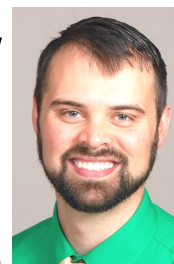
- Sunday, April 19th, 3:00 pm in our Sanctuary
- Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship.
- Tickets will be available at the reception desk for several weeks prior to the concert.

### Bradley University Chorale To Sing Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass

- As well as a selection with the First Federated Chancel Choir
- Thursday, April 30th, 7:00 pm, FFC Sanctuary

*When asked of his composition Mr. Gjeilo's response was: "...for the movements in this setting of the Mass has mainly to do with the initial idea behind Sunrise Mass. I wanted the musical development of the work to evolve from the most transparent and spacey, to something completely earthy and grounded; from nebulous and pristine to more emotional and dramatic, and eventually warm and solid – as a metaphor for human development from child to adult, or as a spiritual journey."*

- The event will be free, though a love offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the Bradley Chorale's summer trip to Prague. All four of our Bradley singers in the FFC Choir will be a part of this endeavor.



**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 to reserve your spot or for more information, Contact the church office at 309-685-5258.

**EVENT: Saturday, March 21st: Dinner at Jonah's Seafood Restaurant \*5:45 pm start time.** (2601 N. Main, East Peoria)  
\*Earlier start time requested by restaurant.

### 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: Thursday, March 19th, 6:00 pm: Guy's Night Out at the Fieldhouse (Campustown) Dinner, drinks and NCAA Basketball viewing. RSVP to Luke Sheley through the church at 309-685-5258.**

### Knitting / Crocheting Ministry ▪

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 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. Next gatherings are scheduled for March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, and June 16th.

### First Federated Women's Club ▪

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.

**Wednesday, March 25th at Noon** members and guests will gather in the Commons. **This will be our Annual Salad Luncheon.** The program will be "*Container Gardening, Inside and Out*" by Arrah and Floyd McMahon, Certified Master Gardeners

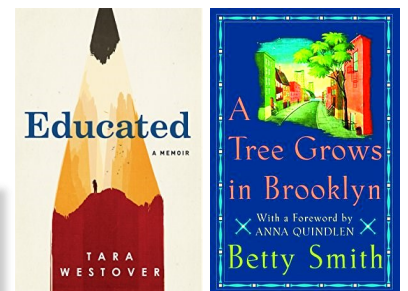
**Wednesday, April 22nd at Noon** members and guests will gather in the Commons. The program will be "*Life Transformation Observed In Our Clients*" by Rev. G. Frank Winfrey, Director of Church Relations, South Side Mission. Lunch will be served.

### 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 **March 28th** meeting will be Educated by Tara Westover.

Selected reading for the **April 25th** meeting will be A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.



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

### Completed This Part Of Life

Thursday, January 2nd ~ Lynn Banta  
Sunday, January 19th ~ Edward Griffin, Jr.  
Monday, January 20th ~ Betty Schug (sister-in-law of Hans Busch)  
Sunday, January 26th ~ Brandon Smith  
Tuesday, January 28th ~ Helen Mullenix (mother of Mary Jo Madison)  
Tuesday, February 18th ~ Suzanne Meyer Stuber

### Baptism

Sunday, February 23rd ~ Leo Samuel Higus, son of El and Timm Higus, his sponsors were Stephanie and Evan Michel.

## Please Welcome!

- Tim McCoul *(sorry, no photo available)*  
Tim joined our faith community on Sunday, January 19th.  
Tim is employed by The Illinois Symphony and you may recognize Tim as our occasional trumpet player.  
Please welcome Tim to First Federated Church!

## Church Membership

- If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Federated Church please contact the church 309-685-5258 or email [cwalter@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwalter@ffcpeoria.com).

*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).*

## Welcome Lisa Hackett

We welcome Lisa Hackett as our Director of Youth Ministries (part-time.)

Lisa was raised in the fellowship of FFC and was active in our youth group under the leadership of the Rev. Bill Peterson, a former Associate Minister. She and her husband, Rob have three children.

She joins a team of dedicated volunteers who have led the program this past year: Carrie Bottrell, Shane Richardson, Emily Malerich, Maddy Peterson, and Anni Reinking.

Director of Children's Ministry Jessica Sheley has been leading our Logos and Junior High programing.

Welcome, Lisa, and thank you volunteers!



## Fellowship



### WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday, March 21st, 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Life Together Center

- FFC will provide sides ~ Need donations of wild game
- If you are able bring a dish of wild game or are unable to attend but would like to donate something please contact Luke or Shane.
- If you are planning to attend please sign-up at the reception desk so we have a proper head count.
- This will be a great event with lots of great food and fellowship.
- Contact the church office with questions or to make your reservation at 309-685-5258.

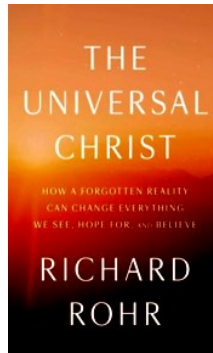


## Frosty's Adult Monday Bible Study

- Mondays, 12:30 -1:30 pm
- Bride's Lounge, 2nd floor
- All that you need to bring is an inquisitive and open mind and your favorite Bible.

## Theology On Tap

- Tuesday evenings
- 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Garden Room of our Life Together Center
- Currently discussing "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr.
- This study will be guided by Shane Richardson.



## Meditation Group

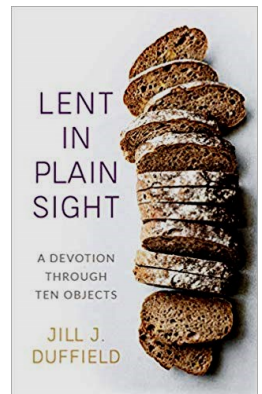
- First Thursday of the Month at 10:00 am in the Memorial Lounge. Next meeting will be March 5th.
- Contact Ann Voll for information at 309-691-1781 or avoll@comcast.net.

## Off Campus Bible Studies

- Thursday mornings.
  - Independence Village at 9:00 am  
Led By Robert Montgomery
  - Lutheran Hillside Village at 10:30 am in the private dining room.  
Led by Rev. Frosty Krummel

## Lenten Book Study

- Lent In Plain Sight by Jill J. Duffield
- Classes begin Sunday, March 1st and will run through Sunday, April 5th
- We will meet Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Fireplace Room on the second floor of the church
- We have purchased 10 copies of this book for class participants use or purchase if you would like to keep it.
- This class will be led by Ron Silver



## 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.



**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, include photos and information.



## Junior Highs (6th ~ 8th Grade)

### Junior Highs ~ Sunday school

Junior High classes take place on Sundays during 10:00 am worship in the Junior High room on the third floor.

During March and April Sunday school, the Junior High students will complete a lesson series called "Goals".

They will learn all about the goals we can have in our faith by studying Paul's letter to the Galatians.

### Special Events in March and April

- **Sunday, March 15th:**

Junior High students will help with the fresh food drive during Sunday school.

- **Friday, March 20th:**

Junior High Fellowship Event - Save the Date!  
6:00 to 8:00 pm. Watch for more details!

- **Sunday, April 5th:**

Junior High students will help the younger children make Empty Tomb Muffins during Sunday school.

- **Sunday, April 12th:**

Easter Sunday, all children will remain in worship.

- **Sunday, April 26th:**

Confirmation Sunday ~ all Junior High students will remain in Worship to celebrate the Confirmation of our 8th graders.



### Confirmation Schedule

- **Third Retreat**

Sunday, March 15th, 11:15 – 4:00 pm  
FFC, 2nd & 3rd floors

- **Fourth Retreat**

Sunday, April 5th, 11:15 – 4:00 pm  
FFC, 2nd & 3rd floors

- **Presentation of Stoles to Executive Board**

Monday, April 20th, 6:30 pm, Garden Room

- **Confirmation ~ Sunday, April 26th**

Confirmation Breakfast, Bride's Lounge  
Confirmation, 10 am service, Sanctuary

## Senior Highs (9th ~ 12th Grade)

### Senior Highs ~ Sunday school

- Senior Highs remain and participate in our 10 am worship service.
- Senior Highs meet for study, fellowship, food on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm in the Senior High room on the third floor.
- No Sunday evening gathering Sunday, April 12th ~ Easter Sunday



### Stronghold Retreat

- Friday, March 6th

3:30 pm Gather for processing and departure

Check your packing list and instructions

- Saturday, March 7th

- Sunday, March 8th

3:00 to 5:00 pm return to FFC parking lot

### Senior High Mission Trip ~ 2020

- June 14th - 20th to Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Openings still available - This trip is open to current 8th graders through 12th graders.
- For further details contact Lisa Hackett at [Lhackett@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:Lhackett@ffcpeoria.com).

### Senior High Mission Trip ~ Fundraiser



(It is rumored you can fit \$7 dollars worth of quarters in the average film canister.)

- Quarters For The Cause!
- The funds raised in this and previous fundraisers will be used to support our Mission Trip Youth so they may participate in this event without worrying about the financial burden that may be beyond their resources.
- Canisters will be available for pickup Sunday, March 15th, they may be filled with change and returned as many times as possible by Sunday, April 12th.
- For further details contact Lisa Hackett at [Lhackett@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:Lhackett@ffcpeoria.com).



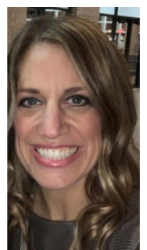
### Save The Date

All youth will participate in the worship service. Stay tuned for more information.

**Lisa Hackett**

Director of Youth Ministries

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## March In Sunday School

**Memory Verse:** Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

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

**Life App:** Forgiveness: Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

### Sunday, March 1st

**Bible Story:** The Unmerciful Servant – Matthew 18:21-35

**Bottom Line:** Forgive others because God forgives you

### Sunday, March 8th

**Bible Story:** Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10

**Bottom Line:** When you forgive others, it can change them

### Sunday, March 15th

**Bible Story:** Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness – Matthew 5:1-2, 23-24

**Bottom Line:** Take the first step to forgive others

### Sunday, March 22nd

**Bible Story:** The Story of the Lost Son – Luke 15:11-24

**Bottom Line:** Everyone needs to be forgiven

### Sunday, March 29th

**Bible Story:** Father and Older Brother – Luke 15:21-32

**Bottom Line:** When you don't forgive, you miss out

## April In Sunday School

**Memory Verse:** Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3

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

**Life App:** Humility – Putting others first by giving up what you think you should deserve

### Sunday, April 5th

Palm Sunday: All children will participate in a palm processional. Please arrive at 9:45 am and meet in the chapel so the children can prepare. The children will also make empty tomb muffins during Sunday school.

### Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday: All children will remain in worship with their families. Activity books will be available.

### Saturday, April 19th

**Bible Story:** Jesus Prays in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-56

**Bottom Line:** Put others first

### Sunday, April 26th

**Bible Story:** Crucified and Risen – John 18:12-20:23

**Bottom Line:** Jesus put us first

## Special Sunday School Events in March and April

**Sunday, April 5th:** All Sunday school children are invited to meet in the chapel at 9:45 am to line up for our special Palm Processional and make empty tomb muffins during Sunday school.

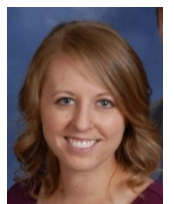
**Sunday, April 12th:** Easter Sunday: All children will remain in worship. Activity books will be available.

**Sunday, April 26th:** The Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students will host a "Baby Shower" during Fellowship Hour to benefit the Crittenton Crisis Nursery.

## 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade April Service Project For Crisis Nursery

- Our 4th - 5th grade Sunday school students will once again be collecting items for Crittenton's Crisis Nursery.
- Sunday, April 26th the students will hold a Baby Shower during Fellowship Hour.
- Collection baskets will be available throughout the church. Please consider donating any of the following new items:

|                         |                  |                               |                    |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Diapers                 | Underwear        | Bottles                       | Clorox Wipes       |
| Bottle Cleaning Brushes | Bibs             | Batteries                     | Picture Books      |
| Paper Plates            | Formula          | Clothes and Shoes (all sizes) | Diaper Rash Cream  |
| Wipes                   | Educational Toys | Sippy Cups                    | Plastic Silverware |
|                         | Washcloths       |                               | Gift Cards         |



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## Join Us For Summer Camp!

*Time To Register for  
a Summer of Fun!*



- Our Summer Camps 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 Camps begins Monday, June 1st,  
and ends on Friday, July 31st.**

## *This Year's Weekly Themes are:*



- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| • June 1st - 5th       | Summer Kick Off          |
| • June 8th - 12th      | Camping/Bear Hunt        |
| • June 15th - 19th     | Animals/Farm             |
| • June 22nd - 26th     | Fine Arts                |
| • June 29th - July 3rd | Kids In The Kitchen      |
| • July 6th - 10th      | Science                  |
| • July 13th - 17th     | Oceans                   |
| • July 20th - 24th     | Superheroes & Princesses |
| • July 27th - 31st     | Safari                   |

## *Registration Information*

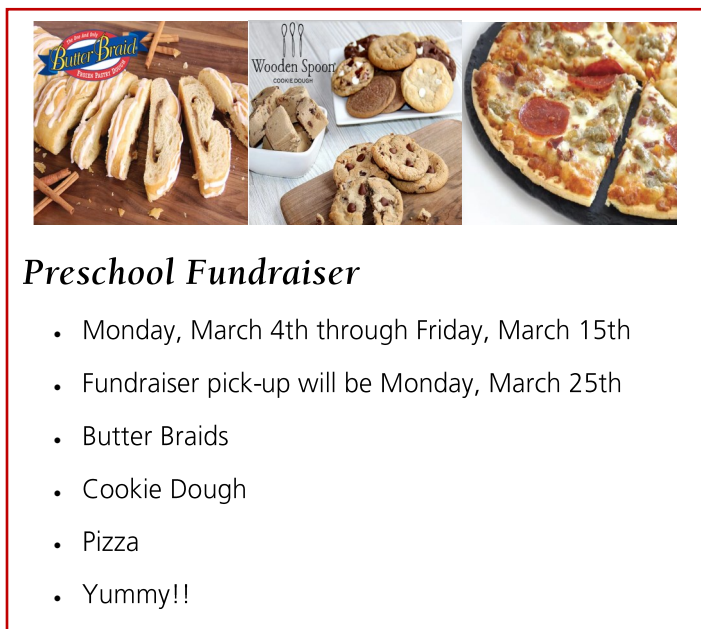
- You may register for FFC Summer Camp by completing registration forms.
- Registration Forms and Pricing Information can be found:
- On our website: Pricing information and a registration forms are available as downloads.  
[www.ffcpeoria.com/preschools-peoria-il/](http://www.ffcpeoria.com/preschools-peoria-il/)
- 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).



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## *Preschool Fundraiser*

- Monday, March 4th through Friday, March 15th
- Fundraiser pick-up will be Monday, March 25th
- Butter Braids
- Cookie Dough
- Pizza
- Yummy!!



## *Preschool Dates for March & April*

- Friday, March 6th - Fundraiser Order Form Due Date
- Friday, March 6th - Vision and hearing screening
- Sunday, March 8th - Don't forget to Spring Forward!
- Thursday, March 19th - Vision and hearing re-screen
- Tuesday, March 24th - Fundraiser Pick-Up Day
- Friday, April 10th - Good Friday, Preschool is Closed
- Monday, April 13th - Spring pictures
- Tuesday, April 14th - Spring pictures
- April 13th - 17th - The Week of the Young Child





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## Children's Midweek Ministry

- Wednesdays in April ~ April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
- 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.
- Next LOGOS will be in October.

# 2020 VBS!

## Save The Dates! Sunday, July 12th to Thursday, July 16th



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



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