



# 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 14th. You may mail your offering to the office; make checks payable to First Federated Church.*



## PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday Service - March 28th**

*Our 10 am service will feature the Sunday school children's Palm Processional*

**Good Friday Service - April 2nd**

*Our Good Friday service will be at 12:15 pm in our sanctuary.*

**Easter Sunday Services - April 4th**

*We will celebrate the heart of the Christian community with three worship services this Easter Sunday. Communion will be served at each service.*

*Our 8 am service will be about 45 minutes, location to be determined*

*Our 10 am service will be about 45 minutes, to be held in the sanctuary.*

*Our 11:15 am service will be about 30 minutes, this service will be geared to families, but everyone is welcome.*

*Weather permitting this service will be held on the lawn of the church.*

*An Easter egg hunt will follow.*

**Reservations will be required for all services ~ visit our website to make your reservations.**



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



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Monday - Friday

### In-Person Worship Services

10 am Sunday Service  
*Required Reservations May  
Be Made on the Home Page  
of Our Website.*

### Visit Our Website

[ffcpeoria.com](http://ffcpeoria.com)

## Gifts of the Dark Wood

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, marked the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period (not counting Sundays) prior to Easter. It commemorates the time of introspection that Jesus engaged prior to the inauguration of his public ministry. Lent is a season in which you are invited to reflect upon your life and focus upon the places where the Holy One can strengthen you, lead you, guide you.

In those times of introspection, you may notice the bright and dark sides to faith – how you can feel close to God one moment and far away the next. If you do, you are in great company.

Noted persons of deep faith throughout history have experienced those same "dark" moments in their lives: Jeremiah the prophet, Jesus of Nazareth, St. John of the Cross, Meister Eckhardt, Mother Teresa.

They bravely embraced those areas and utilized them to recognize how and where God was at work in their lives. The psychoanalyst Carl Jung in his work on individuation delved deeply into what he called the "shadow aspect" of the human persona. He taught that such aspects were not to be avoided but embraced so that we could learn from them and be empowered.

Therefore, in our Lenten worship from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, we are focusing on the shadow aspects of our faith journey by utilizing the book *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)*. The author identifies the seven gifts bestowed in the Dark Wood as: the gifts of uncertainty, emptiness, being thunderstruck, getting lost, temptation, disappearing, and the gift of misfits. It is a guidebook for spirituality in an uncertain world. (Many of you have already begun

reading the book and have commented how it is speaking to you and addressing issues in your life.)

Though commonly understood as a place to be feared and avoided, the Dark Wood is the surest place to meet God. It is a place where you may feel uncertain, empty, lost, tempted, and alone. We have all had these feelings at one time or another. Perhaps you are there more often than you would like. (I know I am.) Yet these feelings – these gifts of the Dark Wood – can be your greatest assets on your spiritual journey. According to the

ancients, you don't need to be a saint or spiritual master to experience profound awakening. You don't even have to be "above average." All you really need to be is struggling and open to the possibilities of encountering God.

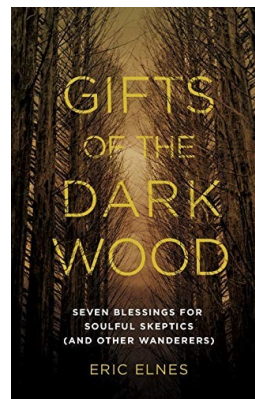
This Lent we will explore what it means to be in the Dark Wood moments of our lives.

Not how to get out of it (or them); rather, we are going to explore what it might mean for our lives to recognize the gifts of the Dark Wood. What if times of uncertainty, failure, or emptiness are opportunities for spiritual awakening? To assist you in your discovery of self, each worship service from Ash Wednesday through Easter will be based on a different chapter of the book. And there are other venues for study online and in-person.

If you feel awkward in your search for God, want to find holiness amid your holy mess, and prefer practicality to piety when it comes to finding your place in this world, this series could be a tremendous asset for you. So, join us on our Lenten journey of discovery and empowerment.

Walking with you in the life of faith,

*Pastor David*



### Pastor David Ezekiel

Transitional Minister

Pastor David Ezekiel ☎ 309-685-5258, X-101 ✉ [dezekiell@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:dezekiell@ffcpeoria.com)

## From Our Pulpit and Staff Committee

We have navigated through unprecedented times over the past year, which has caused us many changes in our personal lives and our life together here at First Federated Church. We have endured many changes from how we worship to how we connect in fellowship. Among these changes, First Federated Church as also endured numerous personnel changes. In January 2020 Lisa Hackett joined our team as a Director of Youth Ministries, a position that has been upheld by volunteers since Zach Lysdale. Fred Weghorst was hired as the new Building and Grounds keeper. Our longtime financial secretary, Lisa Hoepker, retired in September. We onboarded Sabrina McGrath as our new part-time financial secretary. Marcia Richardson joined our church as our organist. The most visible change was when we bid Farwell to Frosty, a friend and confidante to many. And we welcomed Transitional Minister David Ezekiel. Our staff may look different, but they are working diligently to assist our congregation in navigating both the pastoral and societal transitions that are occurring.

As we make our way back to church, hopefully many of you are getting the chance to meet and interact with Pastor David. The interim pastor comes in as a stranger (with objectivity) and as a friend (with care), with special skills and experiences to help a congregation transition into the future. Pastor David has been filling the regular pastoral duties and provides a set of fresh eyes as we take stock of our ministries and life together. The interim times lets us stretch our spiritual and organizational muscles, try some new approaches, refresh some

traditions, explore our past and present – dream about the future as God’s people in this time and place. One of the most important tasks of the interim is to help the congregation in its openness to the future; to be ready for the new leadership.

The Next Steps:

The Executive Board will start to engage in a mission study within the next couple months. This allows us to take stock of our trajectory: where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going. Second, we will then make the necessary adjustments so that we can move into the future we believe God is envisioning for us. Third, we will formulate a job description (profile) to attract the best pool of candidates possible. Fourth we will interview the candidates and select the best one possible to be our next installed pastor. None of this will be done in a vacuum; the Executive Board will keep you apprised of what is going on and will solicit your insights, feedback, and necessary approvals. There will even be a “roadmap” indicating every step along the way. When we start to undertake the process, we will post that “roadmap” on the church’s website with an indicator of where we are at each moment.

We look forward to traveling this road together!



Jamie Richardson  
Pulpit & Staff Moderator

*Jamie Richardson*

## From Our Buildings & Grounds Committee

The recent efforts of the Building and Grounds Committee have focused on the need to replace a portion of the church roof and the renovation and reconstruction of a number of fire doors in the Preschool area. We reported on this needed work in our Annual Report to the Congregation in December.

The roof over the original 1948 church building (sanctuary, offices and garth) needs to be replaced because the slate shingles and the underlying tar paper have exceeded their useful lives. Although regular maintenance has occurred for many years, new leaks continue to appear despite the annual patching and sealing. This summer, the roof leaked over the organ loft damaging the organ so that it is currently inoperable. The organ will be repaired, but it is not advisable to make those repairs until the roof is replaced. Fortunately, the roof over the 1965 education wing addition has an additional 15 - 20 years of useful life. The committee solicited bids from multiple roofing contractors in the city and region, conducted a life cycle cost analysis of three roof types (slate, synthetic slate, and fiberglass/asphalt) and recommended to the Executive Board that a local roofing

contractor replace the roof over the original church building with slate. The Executive Board is in the midst of planning how to pay for the new roof.



Barney Shultz  
Buildings & Grounds Moderator

The renovation and reconstruction of fire doors in the Preschool area will begin in March or April and should conclude by July 1. The State Fire Marshal requires these renovations to bring the Preschool into compliance with the current State of Illinois fire code. State Fire Marshal approval is also a condition of maintaining our preschool license with the Division of Children and Family Services. We are using this as an opportunity to also bring the Preschool area into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The construction will not interfere with church services. The preschool will continue to operate by using Fellowship Hall as a temporary classroom. You probably will see a construction dumpster and portable potty in the parking lot. Please bear with us while our contractor performs this work.

*Barney Shultz*



## From Our Worship Committee

Our Worship Committee meets monthly to oversee our worship processes. They work diligently to ensure our both our engagement in the worship service and our safety and peace of mind in attending in-person.

The guidelines presented by the committee have been researched and follow CDC guidelines. Thank you all for your continued corporation and support. We pray the soon we can gather without restrictions.

## Worship Attendance Guidelines

### Instructions for Attending Worship

If You Are Experiencing Any Of The Following,  
Please Do Not Come To Worship  
Instead, You May Want To Contact  
Your Health Care Provider Or A Family Member.

Fever or chills?  
Cough?  
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing?  
Fatigue?  
Muscle or body aches?  
Headache or Sore throat?  
New loss of taste or smell?  
Congestion/runny nose?  
Nausea/vomiting?  
Diarrhea?

### When Coming To Church For Worship

Arrive 15 to 20 minutes before the start of service.  
Enter through the North Door under the green awning.  
Masks must be worn and maintain your 6-foot social distancing.

You will be checked in and your temperature will be taken.  
Although seat numbers are assigned in the reservation process, you may sit in any "safe and unoccupied" area. Bulletins will be given to you as you enter or you will find them placed upon your seat. Please be seated and enjoy the service.

Following the service, you will exit through the Narthex.

**Each row will be released by an usher, from back to front, please wait to be released before leaving the Sanctuary.**

There will be a table on the exit path with collection plates to accept recess offerings.

## Worship Plans

### March

#### Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 7th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Message: The Gift of Being Thunderstruck (Listening To God)  
Scripture: Job 37:1-24; 1 Kings 19:1-13; 1 Samuel 3:1-10

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 14th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: The Gift of Being Lost (All's Lost; All's Found)  
Scripture: Luke 15:1-32

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ March 21st

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: The Gift of Temptation (Wilderness Time)  
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

#### Palm Sunday ~ March 28th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: The Gift of Disappearing  
Scripture: Psalm 27 & Luke 24:13-35

### April

#### Good Friday ~ April 2nd

12:15 pm Sanctuary service  
Message: The Gift of Misfits  
Scripture: John 19:25b-30

#### Easter Sunday ~ April 4th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Message: Where Do We Go From Here?  
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, 19-20

#### Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 11th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: Anticipating the Joy  
Scripture: Jeremiah 1-6 & Matthew 28:1-10

#### Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 18th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: It's Touching Time  
Scripture: Luke 24 v36b-48

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 25th

10 am Sanctuary service  
Message: You Could Be Wrong  
Scripture: Acts 8



## Annual FFC Christmas Catalog

Below are the totals from the 2020 Christmas Catalog. Thank you for your generous donations. The videos prepared by our Missions Committee for this fundraising event are still available for viewing on our YouTube Channel.

The Center for the Prevention of Abuse	\$2,063.89	Neighborhood House	\$2,718.90
Crittenton Centers	\$2,324.47	PAWS For Independence	\$3,279.55
Dream Center	\$2,963.31	Peoria Grown	\$2,042.13
ELITE Youth Programs	\$4,147.11	Phoenix CDS	\$2,104.47
Midwest Food Bank	\$3,269.48	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,913.31</b>

## FFC Annual Giving Tree

Sign-up Genius was a very productive, genius move for this year's Giving Tree. The committee reported that 45 gifts were delivered to Crittenton and an additional 10 to Dream Center. Thank you to all who participated!

## Snack Packs / T.J. Food Pantry

Our committee is packing approximately 160 packs that are delivered to Neighborhood House each week. Whittier is still remote learning and are not in need of snacks at this time.

Activity in the T.J. Food Pantry is slow at this time as the children are still remote learning. Our neighborhood community may not be aware that it is available to everyone in our area, not just T.J. families.

## FFC Rummage Sale

It has been decided to wait for Covid numbers in late March and April before making any decisions regarding our annual rummage sale - we will keep you all posted.

## Ongoing FFC Missions

### Box Tops for Education

- The Box-Tops program is done entirely online now. Check your app provider the the BoxTop app.

### 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

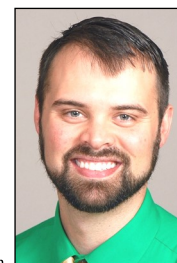
- Personal care items, snack items, etc. Please see the list by the North door.
- Collection bins are by the North door of the church & in the Narthex.

# Music Ministry

## Our Worship & Music Ministry

Despite the many restrictions we face as we begin to worship in person again I believe we are thriving!

Thank you to Marcia Richardson, our pianist, the many members of our Choir, and our wonderful students our music for each service has been wonderful. Thanks also to Andy Braun for his technical knowledge that allows us to live-stream our services to everyone via our YouTube Channel.



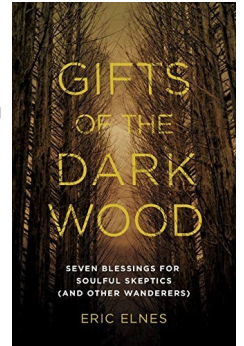
**Russel Boulton**  
Director, Worship and Music

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### Young Families Group ▪

Adults under 50, single, married, or with a family. This group enjoys gathering in fellowship together. 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 our e-newsletter, the 1stNews, emailed each Friday afternoon.

**EVENT:** One Church, One Book ~ Book Study. Gifts of the Dark Wood. Members of this group are gathering in small groups to follow our church-wide book study. If interested contact Jessica Sheley at [jshaley@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:jshaley@ffcpeoria.com).



### The FFC Book Club ▪

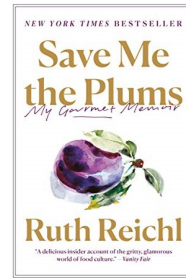
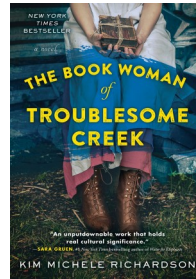
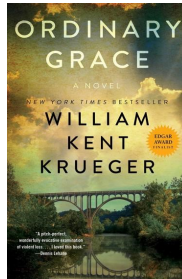
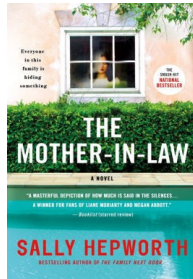
The Book Club is currently meeting by Zoom on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 am. Contact the church office if interested in the book club. The book list is as follows:

March 27th ~ Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir by Ruth Reichl

April 24th ~ The Mother-In-Law by Sally Hepworth

May 22nd ~ The Book Woman from Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

June 26th ~ Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger



Additional events for some of the above groups may be added. These events will be publicized 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 [cwaller@ffcpeoria.com](mailto:cwaller@ffcpeoria.com).

*The following groups have not begun gathering formally.  
We will keep you posted on their status going forward.*

Saturday Night Live, Outdoor Enthusiasts Group, Knitting / Crocheting Ministry,  
Old Buddies Breakfast, First Federated Women's Club

### Congratulations! Lundy Family

Eliza Kristine Lundy was born Friday, March 5th  
She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz

Her parents Dave and Molly and older siblings,  
Annabelle, Will and Zach are over the moon.

Mother and baby are doing well!



## A Matter of Record

### Baptisms

March 1st, 2020  
Leslie Tate \*  
Mother of Natalie Tate

July 26th, 2020  
Evelyn Joan Ellis  
Daughter of Brett & Mandy Ellis

August 30th, 2020  
Magnolia Suzanna Lee & August O'Donnell Lee  
Children of Emily & Mike Lee

October 25th, 2020  
Waylon Matthew Casey  
Son of Joshua & Megan Casey

October 25th, 2020  
Eric Jon Grimm \*

\* Adult Baptism, new FFC Member

### New Members ~ Welcome!

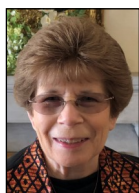
March 1st, 2020	August 23rd, 2020 (cont.)
Celia Johnson	Gavin O'Laughlin
Natalie Tate	Elle Seshul
Jean Monroe	Shealyn Terry
	Jacob VandeWiele
August 23rd, 2020	November 16th, 2020
Kayla Alderson	Rev. Carole Hoke
Alex Braun	Rev. Lauren Padgett
Zhi Yu Kolmer	



Natalie Tate



Jean Monroe



Celia Johnson



Revs. Carole Hoke & Lauren Padgett



Kayla Alderson / Alex Braun / Zhi Yu Kolmer / Gavin O'Laughlin / Elle Seshul / Jacob VandeWiele / Shealynn Terry

### Completed This Part Of Life

April 3rd, 2020 ~ Earl Doubet

April 5th, 2020 ~ Susan Collins

April 5th, 2020 ~ David Madsen, Brother-In-Law of Kay Hulin

April 9th, 2020 ~ Nelson Chatham

April 26th, 2020 ~ Patricia Loring

June 27th, 2020 ~ Randall Stauffer, Brother-In-Law of Allison Montgomery

July 4th, 2020 ~ David Ekstrand

August 1st, 2020 ~ Mike VerKuilen

August 2nd, 2020 ~ Robert Glass, Father of Sue Goldhammer

August 19th, 2020 ~ B.J. Triebel

August 21st, 2020 ~ Bette Grimm, wife of O.G. Grimm

September 22nd, 2020 ~ Bob Gilmore

October 15th, 2020 ~ Anne Bodtke

October 20th, 2020 ~ Ken Jones

October 21st, 2020 ~ Joyce DeBruyn

November 2nd, 2020 ~ Jo Tucker

November 16th, 2020 ~ Ken Moline

November 23rd, 2020 ~ Richard Mills, Father of Cathy Shultz

November 29th, 2020 ~ Bill Stevens, Father of Gary Stevens

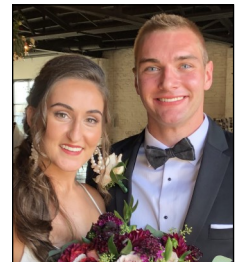
December 29th, 2020 ~ Mary Lukes, Mother of Kathy Allin

February 14th, 2021 ~ Dick Hanson

March 4th, 2021 ~ Barbara Leiter

### Weddings

August 8th, 2020  
Abigail Grace Jockisch to Jacob Christian Taylor by Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr. at Venue Chisca. The couple now reside in Fort Worth, Texas.



## 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).



## Lenten Book Study ~ One Church, One Book

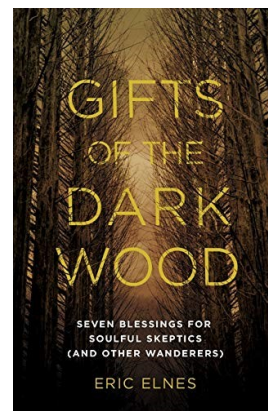
Gifts of the Dark Wood by Eric Elnes

Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics

The author of our Lenten book study, Eric Elnes, tells us that we may feel like we are struggling: uncertain, empty, lost, tempted, and alone. Yet, the book affirms that from beginning to end, God will find us in the often difficult terrain of our life's journey.

Rev. Steve Barch is leading a Monday Zoom Study Group.

Pastor David Ezekiel is leading a Wednesday In-Person Study Group.



## Young Families Book Study

Several of our Young Families Group adults are participating in the Lenten book study.

We are reading "Gifts of the Dark Wood" and meeting for small, in-person book chats during the Lenten season.



## 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.

## Palm Sunday



This year for Palm Sunday, our Sunday School children will be able to participate in our "Palm Processional" down our center aisle during worship!

Stay tuned for more information from Miss Jessica about Palm Sunday and Empty Tomb Muffins.

## Confirmation



The class that was to complete confirmation class this spring has been postponed. Our next class will be a combined class.



## Easter Sunday

We are making plans for our Easter Sunday worship services.

Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor family worship service on our beautiful East Lawn on Easter Sunday morning, along with two additional indoor services.

After the family service, we will have an outdoor Easter Egg hunt for the children!

Miss Jessica will send out more information as the date gets closer.



## Our Board of Deacons

### OUR DEACONS & EASTER

Along with their many other duties our Deacons play an important role at Easter time.

Our Deacons make sure each FFC family receives an Easter greeting by mailing out hundreds Easter cards.

The Deacons also contact each FFC family that has lost a loved one in the last year offering an Easter Lily to that family as a special remembrance.

These lilies are provided by your Easter dedications. Each lily dedication sponsors 1 lily for an FFC family.

All lilies will be gifted to FFC families that have lost a loved one in the last year.

A special Thank You to our Board of Deacon members for everything they do.



### EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

\$10 per lily dedication

Dedication deadline is Thursday, March 25th.

You may add your dedication by:

Mail: Print your dedication, mail it and your check for \$10 per dedication to the church office.

Email: Email your dedication to the church office, mail your check.

Call: Call the church office.

Lily dedications will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin on Sunday, April 4th and the Good Friday 1stNews email.

**Thank You, Sheila Snarr, for sharing your special decorating talents.**



*These display cases are in the hallway outside of the boardroom in our Life Together Center.*



## Annual Valentines For Our Neighbors At Buehler

Although we were not able to deliver Valentines to our neighbors at Buehler Home in person this year, many of our Sunday school families requested a Valentine Card Kit, to make and mail Valentines from home!

Buehler Home received over 150 cards from the children and youth of FFC!



## Pretzel Sunday

Almost 20 of our Sunday school families made pretzels at home this year for our annual Pretzel Prayer Sunday!

Pretzel dough was made by Hans Busch and Miss Jessica delivered pretzel kits to our families, upon request!

The "Pretzel Story" children's message was posted for our families to watch at home, with Kent Kowalske playing our "monk"!



Senior High Gathering  
Valentine party  
February 14th

## Senior Highs Gather On Sunday Evenings Again

Our FFC youth group has begun meeting again in-person on Sunday evenings.

We have also been in preparation to have a small group still attend Stronghold this year. Even though it will look slightly different than years past, we are extremely blessed to still be able to attend our Stronghold retreat safely and carry on this decades long tradition!



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Director of Children's Ministries

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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: Outer Space, Animals, Science, and Fairy Tales.
- Snacks and lunch are included.

**Summer Camps will begin Monday, June 7th, and end on Friday, July 30th.**

This Year's Weekly Themes are:

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • June 7th - 11th      | Summer Kick Off           |
| • June 14th - 18th     | Outer Space               |
| • June 21st - 25th     | Animals                   |
| • June 28th - July 2nd | Rain Forest               |
| • July 5th - 9th       | Science                   |
| • July 12th - 16th     | Pirates                   |
| • July 19th - 23rd     | Fairy Tales               |
| • July 20th - 24th     | Superheroes & Princesses  |
| • July 26th - 30th     | Back To School / Carnival |



## Preschool Fundraiser

- Monday, March 1st through Thursday, March 18th
- Fundraiser pick-up will be Monday, March 29th
- Butter Braids, Cookie Dough, Pizza
- Contact the Church or Preschool office when you are ready to place your order!



## Preschool Dates for March, April, & May

- Tuesday, March 9th - Vision and hearing screening
  - Sunday, March 14th - Don't forget to Spring Forward!
  - Friday, March 19th - Fundraiser Order Form Due Date
  - Thursday, March 19th - Vision and hearing re-screen
  - Friday, March 29th - Fundraiser Pick-Up Day
  - Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday, Preschool is Closed
  - Monday, April 12th - Spring pictures
  - Tuesday, April 13th - Spring pictures
  - April 12th - 16th - The Week of the Young Child
  - May 3rd through 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Friday, May 28th - Last day of school
- Spring Concert and Graduation from 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
Families welcome (Pending State Virus Restrictions)  
Specific class start times TBA by FFC teachers

## 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/)**
- Forms are available for pick up at the church office or we can mail them out to you upon request.
- 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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# 2021 VBS!

## Save The Dates! Sunday, July 11th to Thursday, July 15th

### Mark Your Calendars!

While we are not sure exactly what VBS will look like this summer,  
we are going to do some kind of Bible School for the children of FFC!  
We would love to have junior and senior high volunteers / leaders!  
Youth group families, please mark your calendars as well.



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



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