

eHighlights

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WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

September 14. Youth Fundraiser. Mums for Sale. Gathering Space.
September Art Exhibition. Foster Gallery.

Announcements



Director of Children and Family Ministry

Rosy Rios has accepted the position of Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries on a full-time basis which will include her role as Childcare Coordinator, effective Sunday, September 15.



Fall Mum Youth Fundraiser

The annual youth fundraiser is back!

Get your voucher for large 9 inch mum/\$10 or decorative 12 inch mum/\$17.

Orders may be placed on Sundays in the Gathering Space. Once you have your voucher, you may pick up your mum at Heights Flowers:

310 S. Main St. in North Pekin
4419 N. Prospect Rd in Peoria Heights

Pick up by October 1.

Questions? Contact Christina Koeppel

CONTACT Christina Koeppel



10 for 10 Giving Campaign

Week #10 of the 10 for 10 Giving Campaign is fast approaching, September 21. Your increased financial contribution is greatly appreciated as we do God's work on the corner of Main and Perry. Keep in mind, this is sacrificial giving in addition to your regular tithes and offering.

[Online Giving Here](#)

CHARGE CONFERENCE AND CHURCH COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7PM • WORSHIP CENTER

Charge Conference and Church Council Meeting Coming Soon

There will be a brief Charge Conference the same evening as Church Council. The purpose of this special Charge Conference is to vote on a change in the bylaws of The Foundation.

All are invited and encouraged to come to these meetings and hear updates on the business of the church.

Monday, September 22 • 7PM
Worship Center

Events



World Communion Sunday

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday with one worship service. Paul Till, Sr. from Beskydy Mountain Academy will be our guest preacher. Renuevo will host a guest preacher from Honduras.

During the Sunday School hour, a presentation will be given on what Peoria First is doing in the community.

Sunday, October 5 • 9AM • Worship Center



Mission Celebration and Pie Auction 2025 November 7

Save the Date for this year's Mission Celebration and Pie Auction. Proceeds from this auction will help support the Ganta School of Nursing in Liberia.

More details will be coming soon!

Friday, November 7 • Worship Center



Calling Women of Peoria First

Are you ready for 3 hours of laughter, learning, stories and music?

Aspire is hosting an evening just for women at Crossroads GMC in Washington.

Let's go as a group. Cost is \$25.

REGISTER HERE

Friday, October 10 • 7PM
Crossroads Church, Washington

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CONTACT Eugene Maison

Lincoln School After School Art Volunteers Needed

After School Arts at Lincoln School is starting September 23 and we need volunteers! Eugene Maison conducts the class. He just needs extra hands to assist the kids with projects. After School Arts is for 3rd - 5th graders. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 - 3:45PM. It would be great to get several volunteers to rotate each week!

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Communion Prep



Communion Prep

Looking for a ministry to serve? We are in need of someone (or a team) to prep communion each month. Everything will be in the kitchen for you. The task is to cut bread and fill juice cups.

Contact Andrew Sanchez to serve!

CONTACT Andrew Sanchez



Say YES! to the Kids

Kids are back in school and we are gearing up for fall Sunday activities for the kids. But we cannot do it alone. We need people to serve in ministry with our kids:

- Sunday School Teachers
- Childcare Workers

This is NOT an every Sunday commitment.

Contact Rosy Rios

CONTACT Rosy Rios



CONTACT Eugene Maison Here

Snacks and Art? They just go Together

The Fine Arts Ministry is seeking a volunteer to assist with setting up the snack table for monthly exhibition receptions at the Foster Gallery. This event takes place once a month on the first Friday, with setup occurring between 3:45 and 4:45 PM. It's a small but meaningful way to support the Fine Arts Ministry and help create a welcoming environment for our guests.



Mission First

It is in our vision statement that we are to make (and grow) disciples of Jesus Christ. A piece of becoming a disciple is service.

There are always serving opportunities at Peoria First. Want to serve, and just do not know where or how? Send us a message and we will get you connected.

[CLICK HERE to get Connected](#)

Fine Arts

September Foster Gallery Exhibition

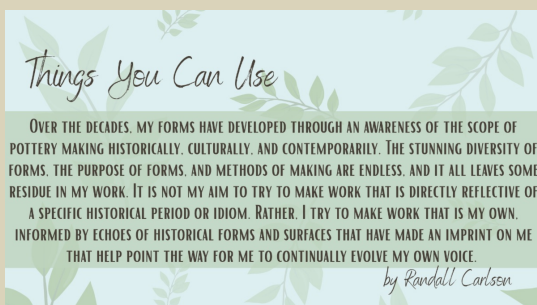
'Things You Can Use' by Randall Carlson and
'The Limited Editions of an Unlimited Mind' by 'Pixie' Jaquin

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon

Other Showings by Appointment



**FINE ARTS
MINISTRY**
PEORIA FIRST

 **FOSTER
GALLERY**
FOR CHRISTIANITY
AND THE FINE ARTS

Questions about our Fine Arts Ministry or the Foster Gallery?
Contact Eugene Maison

Children

CHILDCARE HOURS

Infant - 4 years old
8:45AM - 12:30PM

Childcare Hours

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



The *Comfort Room* may be accessed by checking in at the Children's Ministry desk and is available Sundays from 8:45AM-12:15PM. One adult parent / guardian must accompany your child.



**Questions about Children's Ministry?
Contact Rosy Rios**

Email Rosy Rios

Youth



YOUTH Sunday School

Youth Sunday School is for youth in 6th - 12th Grades.

Sundays • 10:00AM
Youth Room



YOUTH Small Group

Join us every Wednesday as we open our evening with praise music and then enjoy time in the Word and fellowship with one another.

Youth Small Group is for youth in 6th -

12th Grades.

Wednesdays • 6:45PM
Worship Center



Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Christina Koeppel

Email Christina Koeppel

This Week's Sermon



Giving






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Traditional | 8:45 AM | Sanctuary

RENEW | 9:00 AM | Worship Center

Renuevo (Bilingual Service) | 11:15 AM | Worship Center

Sunday School for All Ages

10:00AM



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