

# eHighlights

September 19, 2025  
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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## This Week's Dates to Remember

September 21. Youth Fundraiser. Mums for Sale. Gathering Space.  
September 22. Church Council Meeting. 7PM. Worship Center.  
September Art Exhibition. Foster Gallery.

## Announcements



### *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*

The 10 for 10 Giving Campaign ends  
September 21 but it is not too late to give.



### *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

[Online Giving Here](#)

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.

Sunday, October 5 • 9AM  
Worship Center

During the Sunday School hour, Chanel Withers will give a presentation on what Peoria First is doing in the community.

Sunday, October 5 • 10AM • Chapel



### *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



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### *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.

Friday, October 10 • 7PM  
Crossroads Church, Washington

## Mission First





### *Adopt - A - Class at Lincoln School*

Do you have a heart for kids and a little time to share? We are launching an Adopt-a-Class program and looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of 2nd and 3rd grade students at Lincoln School. Volunteers will read with students and assist the teacher with class projects while building relationships and encouraging kids. You don't need special skills, just a willing heart! The goal is to have 2 volunteers per class so your commitment is only twice a month.

CONTACT Chanel Withers



### *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 Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:45PM.

CONTACT Eugene Maison



### *Communion Prep*

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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

### *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.



## SNACKS AND ART? THEY JUST GO TOGETHER

FINE ARTS MINISTRY IS LOOKING  
FOR A VOLUNTEER TO SET UP  
SNACKS ONCE A MONTH.



CONTACT EUGENE MAISON

[CONTACT Eugene Maison Here](#)

It's a small but meaningful way to support the Fine Arts Ministry and help create a welcoming environment for our guests.

Contact Eugene Maison if you can help.

# MISSION FIRST

## *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



### *Things You Can Use*

OVER THE DECADES, MY FORMS HAVE DEVELOPED THROUGH AN AWARENESS OF THE SCOPE OF POTTERY MAKING HISTORICALLY, CULTURALLY, AND CONTEMPORARILY. THE STUNNING DIVERSITY OF FORMS, THE PURPOSE OF FORMS, AND METHODS OF MAKING ARE ENDLESS, AND IT ALL LEAVES SOME RESIDUE IN MY WORK. IT IS NOT MY AIM TO TRY TO MAKE WORK THAT IS DIRECTLY REFLECTIVE OF A SPECIFIC HISTORICAL PERIOD OR IDIOM. RATHER, I TRY TO MAKE WORK THAT IS MY OWN, INFORMED BY ECHOES OF HISTORICAL FORMS AND SURFACES THAT HAVE MADE AN IMPRINT ON ME THAT HELP POINT THE WAY FOR ME TO CONTINUALLY EVOLVE MY OWN VOICE.

by Randall Carlson

### *The Limited Editions of an Unlimited Mind*

IN KEEPING WITH MY COMMITMENT TO MAKING MY ART ACCESSIBLE TO BOTH NEW AND SEASONED COLLECTORS, THIS EXHIBITION FEATURES A BODY OF WORK COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF LIMITED-EDITION PIECES. SELECT ORIGINALS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

by 'Pixie' Jaquin



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

EMAIL 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**

**WIDER**  
*why we reach out*

## **Giving**

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#### Join Us for Sunday Worship

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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