

# eHighlights

September 5, 2025  
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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## This Week's Dates to Remember

September 5. First Friday Reception. 5PM. Foster Gallery.

September 7. Back to School Bash. 4PM. Wesley Hall.

September 9. United Women in Faith. 10AM. Gathering Space.

## 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*

We ask that you increase your giving by any increment of 10 to help us do God's work on the corner of Main and Perry.



### *We are Hiring*

We are hiring for a Director of Children and Adult Discipleship Ministries. View the job description and contact Diane Broe if interested.

Keep in mind, this is sacrificial giving in addition to your regular tithes and offering.

[CLICK Here to Give](#)

[View Job Description Here](#)

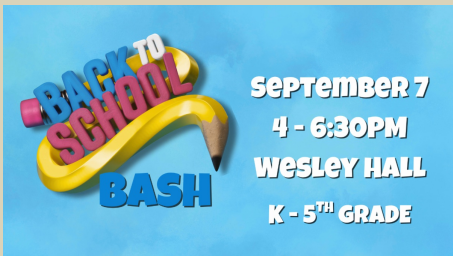
[Contact Diane Broe](#)



### *New Sermon Series*

Pastor Tim will begin a new sermon series this week, *Keys to the Kingdom*. In this series he will ask and answer 'Why?' This Sunday he will answer, Why Are We Here?

## Events



### *Back to School Bash*

Get ready to jump back into the school year! Join us for a fun-filled Back to School Bash! Food, games, ice cream and more.

All kids Kindergarten - 5th grade.

Sunday, September 7 • 4 - 6:30PM  
Wesley Hall



### *United Women in Faith*

It is nearly fall and the United Women in Faith are meeting again.

The September speaker will be Dick and Twila Moore, Chair of Police Prayer Team. There will also be a Pledge Service, and a time to receive prayer partners.

All women are welcome!

Tuesday, September 9 • 10AM  
Gathering Space



[REGISTER HERE](#)

### *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

## MISSION FIRST

### 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.

Contact Eugene Maison if you can help.



#### *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

First Friday Reception:  
Friday, September 5 • 5- 8PM

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*

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

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



## Giving






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### eHIGHLIGHTS Submissions

If you would like to submit an article for publication, please submit it no later than noon Wednesday and include the word "eHighlights" in the subject line. Please limit your content to the most basic information.

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Email Julie Bell



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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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