



eHighlights



January 9, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

January 14. Wednesday Night Bible Study. 6:30PM.

January. *One Art* Exhibition. Foster Gallery.

Spiritual Formation Practice



New Sermon Series

The Ancient Path

Pastor Tim and Pastor Miguel will begin a new sermon series on Sunday, January 11. The series is titled, *The Ancient Path*.

“The ancient path is not where we used to be—it’s how we walk with God now.” The ancient path isn’t behind us, but beneath us.

For the next six weeks, we will be challenged to practice a new Spiritual Formation.

Spiritual Formation Practice ~ Week 1

Prayer for Direction

Jeremiah 6:16 - “This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

- Take 5 minutes to sit in silence and reflection on Jeremiah 6:16.
- Read Jeremiah 6:16 - “This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”
- Center your heart and thoughts on God.
- Then ask: “Lord, where am I standing at a crossroads?”
- Pause, breath, and wait a moment or two.
- Imagine the crossroad you’re at, the decision you need to make, the paths that lay before you.
- Pray slowly: “Teach me your way, O Lord.”
- Pause, breath, and wait a moment or two.
- Let God speak and begin to give direction.
- Pray slowly: “Teach me your way, O Lord. Amen.”

Announcements

Thank you, Chanel

I want to share an important update. Chanel, our Director of Community Ministries, has tendered her resignation, effective Saturday, January 17. She has graciously committed to covering Loaves & Fish for the next two Saturdays to help ensure continuity during this time of transition. We are grateful for her faithfulness and care for this ministry and for our community.

Please join me in thanking Chanel for her ministry and keep this transition in prayer.

Pastor Tim Ozment



Wednesday Bible Study RESUMES

6PM Time of Fellowship • Worship Center

6:30PM Bible Study with Pastor Tim
Conference Room C

6:30PM Bible Study with Pastor Miguel
Worship Center

Events



Missionary Visit

Les and Debbie Dornan
Sunday, January 18
10AM | Chapel

Missionary Visit
Long time medical missionaries Dr. Les Dornan and Nursing Manager Debbie Dornan who served in Nepal for 25 years will be sharing their ministry experience in the Chapel on January 18. The church and the Missions Team have a long history with the Dornan's. Before the time in the Chapel, there will be a cake reception in the Gathering Space.

January 18 • 10AM • Chapel



Worldwide Time of Prayer

Join us for a Zoom time of prayer as we pray with and for missionaries around the world. Please RSVP to Mike Illuzzi if you will attend online.

January 21 • 7:30AM

RSVP to Mike Illuzzi

Meeting ID: 839 4923 1895
Passcode: 539078Y

[CLICK HERE for Meeting Link](#)

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

January Foster Gallery Exhibition

ONE ART

by Peoria First UMC Creatives

Exhibition Reception: Sunday, January 18 • 9:45 - 11:15AM

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?

EMAIL Eugene Maison

Children



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



Winter Camp 2026!

This year we are going somewhere new for our winter experience! Covenant Harbor in Geneva, Wisconsin! Climbing tower, zipline, giant swing, tubing, broomball, ice skating, sledding, indoor climbing wall, open gym, bounce castle, game room, coffee shop, snack shop, Stumpball, polar bear dip, target sports and so much more!

This camp is open to 6-12th grade. February 20-22, 2026. Cost is \$150.

Must Register by January 11.

How to Register:

Go to Covenant Harbor's online Registration Portal.

- Select the person registering for Winter Camp 2026. (+ People)
- Select and add to cart your group's specific session date and group name. (February 20-22) (FUMC Peoria)
- Complete all forms.
- Complete Payment.

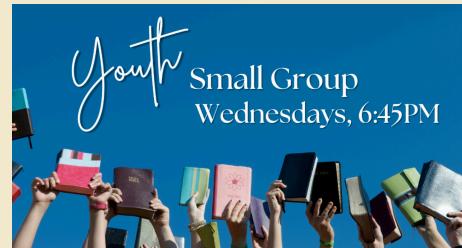
[REGISTER HERE](#)



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**

This Week's Sermon



The Ancient Path

Giving

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[SCAN to Give](#)



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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.



[Email Julie Bell](#)



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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