

eHighlights

November 21, 2025
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

November 19. Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Tim. 6PM. Worship Center.

November 23. Hanging of the Greens. 11AM. Gathering Space.

November. Fall Food Drive.

Announcements



Fall Food Drive

NOVEMBER 9 -
NOVEMBER 30

PICK UP BROWN BAG IN THE
GATHERING SPACE

Fall Food Drive

It is time to help stock the shelves for Loaves and Fish. Brown bags are available in the Gathering Space. Each bag has a list of needed items. Thank you for your continued support to this ministry.

Collection of items is November 9 - 30.

[VIEW List Here](#)

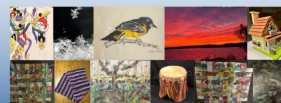


ONE ART
Peoria First UMC Creatives

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY DECEMBER 4

EXHIBITION DATES: JANUARY 5 - 23

AN INVITATIONAL ART SHOW
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF PEORIA FIRST



Calling All Peoria First Creative

This exhibition shines a light on the creative gifts within our community and the many ways we connect faith, beauty, and everyday life through art.

You're invited to take part in the 2026 One Art Exhibit, a special show featuring the creativity of Peoria First UMC members and their families.

Share one original work in any medium that inspires you—painting, sculpture, craft,

woodwork, quilt, embroidery, poetry, and more. Help fill the gallery with the heart and imagination of our community. One entry per person.

December 4: All Submissions Due
December 15 and 16: Delivery of Entered Works 9AM – 1PM
January 5 - January 23, 2026: Exhibition Dates

[REGISTER Here](#)



Spreading Christmas Cheer to Lincoln School Staff

Help spread God's love, through Christmas cards, to the Lincoln school staff.

Here is what you can do:

- If you have been praying for a Lincoln School staff member from a bookmark, please write a Christmas card to that person(s).
- If you do not have a staff member's name, write a generic card and we will write a staff member's name on the envelope.

- Use your own Christmas card OR pick one up at the Welcome Desk Sunday, November 9 or 16. You can even write your note while enjoying a cup of coffee.
- Be encouraging, be loving! The Lincoln school staff works so hard to support our neighborhood kids, and we want them to know God is with them every step of the way!
- You may write the Peoria First Prayer text # on your card: (234)895-1234.
- Leave the envelope UNSEALED. We will put a Christmas invitation postcard in with the Christmas card.
- Return your card to the Welcome Desk or Church Office NO LATER than November 23.

Questions? Contact Chanel Withers

[CONTACT Chanel Here](#)

Events



Lessons and Carols presents Haydn's Mass in C Major

This year's Lessons and Carols will look a little different than in year's past. It will still feature beloved Christmas songs, carols, and congregational singing along with heartfelt readings of scripture. This year, we will also be pairing our Christmas songs with one of the late and great works of Joseph Haydn, Haydn's Mass in C Major.



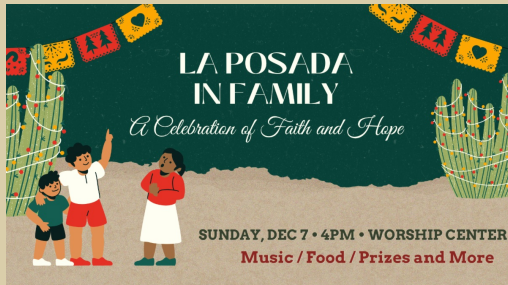
Women at First Holiday Gathering

Let's Gather for a time of music, fellowship, and a holiday craft. The cost is \$15. Childcare is available.

Friday, December 12 • 6PM
Worship Center

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Saturday, December 6 • 6PM
Sunday, December 7 • 11:15AM
Sanctuary



La Posada

A Celebration of Faith and Hope. You are invited to a fun afternoon of music, food, prizes and more.

Sunday, December 4 • 4PM • Worship Center



Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Tim is teaching a Wednesday night Bible Study on the books of Philippians and Acts. 6PM time of fellowship, bring a snack to share. 6:30PM study in the Chapel.

Every Wednesday • 6PM Fellowship, 6:30PM Study

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

December Foster Gallery Exhibition

What in the World?

by Jim and Gwen Bateman

First Friday Reception:

December 5 • 5 - 8PM • Foster Gallery

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon

Other Showings by Appointment

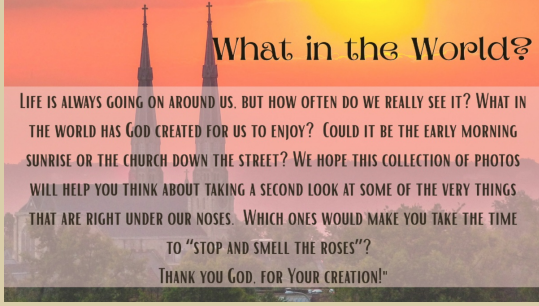


What in the World?

Jim and Gwen Bateman

FRIDAY RECEPTION:
DECEMBER 5 · 5 - 8PM

 **FOSTER GALLERY**
LIVE MUSIC BY THE EC3 JAZZ TRIO

What in the World?

LIFE IS ALWAYS GOING ON AROUND US, BUT HOW OFTEN DO WE REALLY SEE IT? WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS GOD CREATED FOR US TO ENJOY? COULD IT BE THE EARLY MORNING SUNRISE OR THE CHURCH DOWN THE STREET? WE HOPE THIS COLLECTION OF PHOTOS WILL HELP YOU THINK ABOUT TAKING A SECOND LOOK AT SOME OF THE VERY THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES. WHICH ONES WOULD MAKE YOU TAKE THE TIME TO "STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES"?

THANK YOU GOD, FOR YOUR CREATION!"

**FINE ARTS
MINISTRY**
PEORIA FIRST



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

EMAIL Eugene Maison

Children



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:40AM / CHILDREN'S CHOIR

INFANTIL IGLESIA

11:45AM / ESCUELA DOMINICAL
12:10PM / CORO INFANTIL

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



Cookie Bake and Lock In

Join this annual event of baking cookies, watching movies and serving others.

December 5 • 6PM



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**

[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

This Week's Sermon



A Thankful Servant

LUKE 17:11-19

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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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