



eHighlights

December 5, 2025
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

- December 5. First Friday Reception. 5-8PM. Foster Gallery.
- December 6. Lessons & Carols. 6PM. Sanctuary.
- December 7. Lessons & Carols. 11:15AM. Sanctuary.
- December 7. La Posada. 4PM. Worship Center.
- December 10. Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Tim. 6PM. Worship Center.

Announcements

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

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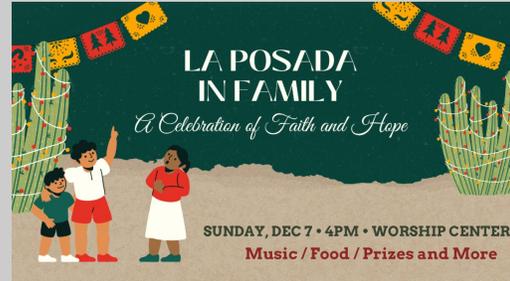
Events



Lessons and Carols presents Haydn's Mass in C Major

This year 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.

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 7 • 4PM
Worship Center



**United
Women
in Faith**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 / 10AM / GATHERING SPACE

JANE GARRETT WILL BE GIVING A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will join together and hear a presentation by Jane Garrett on Mary, Mother of Jesus. All Women Welcome!

Tuesday, December 9 • 10AM
Gathering Space



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



Christmas Sweater Sunday

Whether it is an ugly Christmas sweater or your most treasured Christmas sweater, it is almost time to wear it!

Sunday, December 14

REGISTER HERE

Children's Christmas Program



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:15AM
WORSHIP CENTER

Children's Christmas Program

The children of Peoria First will present a wonderful music Christmas program.

Sunday, December 14 • 10:15AM
Worship Center

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6PM Fellowship / 6:30PM Study



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



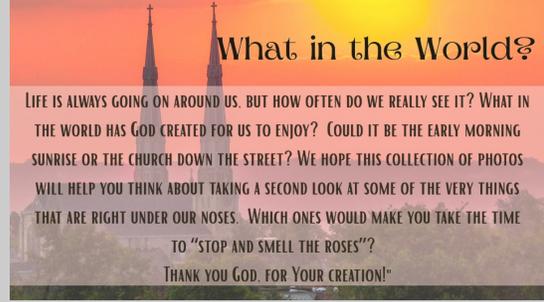
What in the World?

Jim and Gwen Bateman



FRIDAY RECEPTION:
DECEMBER 5 · 5 - 8PM

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



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!

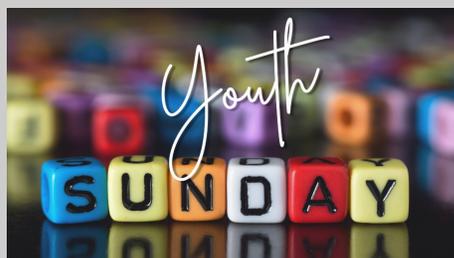
This camp is open to 6-12th grade. February 20-22, 2026. Cost is \$150. Must Register by January 11.

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 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 Room

Youth Small Group is for youth in 6th - 12th Grades.

Wednesdays • 6:45PM
Worship Center



Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Christina Koepfel

Email Christina Koepfel

This Week's Sermon



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- peoria1.com / Click 'Give'**
- peoria1 APP / Click 'Give'**
- Scan to Give**

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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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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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