

# eHighlights

July 10, 2026  
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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## This Week's Dates to Remember

July 1 - 25. *Portraits of Influential Peorians* (America 250 Exhibit). Foster Gallery.

July 10. First Friday Reception. 5-8PM. Foster Gallery.

July 12. Sunday at First.

8:45AM. Traditional Worship. Sanctuary.

9:00AM. Renew. Worship Center.

10:00. Sunday School for all ages.

11:15AM. Renuevo. Worship Center.

July 15. Wednesday @ Church. 6:30PM.

Pastor Miguel's Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.

Youth Activities. Youth Room.

Children Activities. Children's Area.

## Announcements



***Thank You!***

A great big thank you goes out to ALL the volunteers who made VBS 2026 a great success!



### Venezuela Earthquake Relief

**Venezuela Earthquake Relief**  
We will continue our special offering for Venezuela earthquake relief this week. You may donate Sunday in the collection plate or click the link here. If you prefer to donate items, we will be sending relief items - there is a link here for needed items.

All donations need to be received by Monday, July 13.

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VIEW List of Needed Items Here



### 10 for 10 Giving Campaign

We begin our annual 10 for 10 Giving Campaign on Sunday, July 19. For the next 10 weeks, we invite you to increase your giving by any increment of 10. These gifts are in addition to your regular tithes and offerings and help us continue God's work at the corner of Main and Perry. You may give in the offering plate, online at [peoria1.org](http://peoria1.org) or through the [peoria1](#) app.

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### Peoria First Foundation

When you make a gift to the Peoria First UMC Foundation, you can leave a lasting legacy. Greg Gaa, the Foundation President, would like to share an update on the accomplishments and grants approved in 2025. Printed copies are available at the Welcome Desk.

If you have any questions about the Foundation, you may contact Greg through the front office.



### Peoria Police Prayer Team Drop Box

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New Delivery Option - If you prefer to bring your notes to the church, we will deliver them for you...no postage needed! Be sure to write the officer's name on the envelope.

You may drop off your note in the *police car mailbox* (at the Welcome Desk) or drop them off in the church office.

A special THANK YOU to Bob Howard for making our mailbox!



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## Events



### **World Wide Prayer Meeting**

The next WWP of 2026 will be Wednesday, July 15 from 7:30-8:45AM. Please RSVP if you can attend.

Meeting ID: 839 4923 1895

Passcode: 539078

[Prayer Meeting Link](#)



### **Wednesday @ Church**

Pastor Tim's Bible Study will take a summer break and resume in October.

6:30PM

Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.  
Youth and Children Activities.

## Music @ First



## Handbell Choir

### ***JOIN the Handbell Choir***

Do you enjoy hearing the bell choir in Sunday worship? Were you in the school band and miss the days of playing in a music ensemble? Do you want to make music with a fun group? Come check out the handbell choir!

- Rehearsals begin Thursday, August 20.
- Rehearsals every Thursday from 5:45-6:45PM.

Please contact Heather Hill with questions or if you are interested in joining the group.

[EMAIL Heather](#)

# 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](#)

# Children

<b>CHILDREN'S</b> CHURCH	A circular logo featuring five cartoon children of diverse backgrounds holding hands.
10:00AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL	
10:40AM / CHILDREN'S CHOIR	
<b>INFANTIL</b> IGLESIA	11:45AM / ESCUELA DOMINICAL
	12:10PM / CORO INFANTIL



### ***Childcare Hours***

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



### ***Comfort Room***

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 • 6PM  
Youth Room



**Questions about Youth Ministry?  
Contact Christina Koepfel**

Email Christina Koepfel

## Fine Arts

### July Foster Gallery Exhibition

July 1 - 25

In collaboration with the Peoria Historical Society, the Foster Gallery is pleased to exhibit *Portraits of Influential Peorians* an America 250 Exhibit.

Reception: Friday, July 10 | 5 - 8PM

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon

Other Showings by Appointment

*Portraits of Influential Peorians*  
America 250 Exhibit

RECEPTION:  
FRIDAY, JULY 10 | 5 - 8 PM

*Portraits of Influential Peorians*  
America 250 Exhibit

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE FOSTER GALLERY IS PLEASED TO EXHIBIT PORTRAITS OF INFLUENTIAL PEORIANS (AMERICA 250 EXHIBIT).

THIS EXHIBITION HONORS THE ICONS OF PEORIA WHOSE LOCAL IMPACT REVERBERATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND NATION. PHIS WILL HONOR CHANGE-MAKERS SUCH AS DR. GEORGE ZELLER, WHO HUMANELY TRANSFORMED MENTAL HEALTH CARE; LUCIE TYNG, AN EARLY LEADER IN THE TEMPERANCE AND SUFFRAGE MOVEMENTS; AND ANNIE MALONE, A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF BEAUTY PRODUCTS FOR BLACK WOMEN.

*Portraits of Influential Peorians*  
America 250 Exhibit

### **LIVE! At the Foster Gallery**

Join us for an evening of music featuring Aiko Alexa Olson and Owen Zhang, both accomplished pianists and violinists. Together, they will perform a selection of concertos and contemporary works, blending classical artistry with modern expression. Their engaging performance promises an inspiring musical experience for audiences of all ages.

Friday, July 10 | 5:30 - 7:30PM

**FINE ARTS  
MINISTRY**  
PEORIA FIRST

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

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

EMAIL Eugene Maison

## This Week's Sermon








**THE NEIGHBOR  
NEXT DOOR**

## 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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### 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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