

eHighlights

August 21, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

August 1 - 25. *More-Than-Human: Inhabiting Our Wild Kinship*. Foster Gallery.

August 23. 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.

August 26. Wednesday @ Church. 6:30PM.
Pastor Miguel's Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.
Youth Activities. Youth Room.
Children Activities. Children's Area.

Announcements



Loaves & Fish
Needs your plastic bags

Plastic Bags Needed

Loaves & Fish goes through a lot of plastic grocery bags in a week. Do you have extra? Consider donating them. Bring them to church and leave at the Welcome Desk.

Loaves & Fish Wins Award

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria presented the 2026 Community Health Awards during its annual Service Appreciation and Recognition Awards event in June. Initiated in 1995, the awards honor individuals and organizations that promote community health in central Illinois. Annually, UICOMP presents two awards – one to an individual and another to a group or organization.

The 2026 Community Health Award organization winner is Community Clinic Connect, an outreach of Loaves and Fish Community Ministry. The clinic was honored for its longstanding commitment to improving access to healthcare for underserved residents. For more than 20 years, the free primary care



clinic, organized by UICOMP, has brought together medical, nursing, and undergraduate students to work alongside physicians and residents in delivering compassionate, patient-centered care. In addition to providing free clinical services and preventive health screenings, the clinic has become a model of interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and community engagement while helping educate the next generation of healthcare professionals.



Immersive Border Trip

An Immersive Border Exposure Trip is scheduled for February 14-17, 2027. An informational meeting about the trip is next Sunday. Contact Julie Rolffs for more details.

August 30 | 4PM | Gathering Space

[EMAIL Julie Rolffs](#)



- ✓ Crayons/Colored Pencils: 12 or 24 count
- ✓ Pencil Items: #2 pencils, handheld pencil sharpeners, Pencil box, Zipper pencil pouch, pink erasers
- ✓ Paper Items: Wide rule spiral notebooks, 100 count spiral notebook, Composition, looseleaf notebook paper, & computer paper
- ✓ Markers: Washable, Thin tip, & Dry erase
- ✓ Ball point pens, Highlighters, Black sharpie
- ✓ Scissors & Rulers (with cm and inches)
- ✓ 2 pocket folders
- ✓ 1" binders
- ✓ Ziplock bags (gallon or quart)
- ✓ Glue: Elmer's glue sticks & bottles
- ✓ Index cards
- ✓ Cleaning wipes, Hand sanitizer, Tissues, Band-Aids
- ✓ Headphones
- ✓ Backpacks (K-4 may have design, 5-12 must be clear)

Monetary donations accepted!

Lincoln School - School Supply Drive

Donations will be accepted through August 30.

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10 for 10 Giving Campaign

Our annual 10 for 10 Giving Campaign continues. We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving by any increment of 10. These gifts, in addition to your regular tithes and offerings, help support the ministries and mission of our church as we continue God's work at the corner of Main and Perry.

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Events



Save the Date - Blue on Blue Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Blue on Blue Dinner. At this all church dinner we will celebrate and honor our relationship with the Peoria Police Department. Chief of Police, Brad Dixon, will be our keynote speaker - more details coming soon.

September 18 |6PM |Worship Center

Abide Young Adult Group

Tired of the usual routine? Come hang out with us at Abide! We're bringing together young adults (ages 18-29) for a night focused on faith and fun. We will meet at Pastor Miguel's house for the two meetings in August.

August 29 |6PM | 2405 N Bigelow St



Wednesday @ Church

Pastor Tim's Bible Study is on a break and resume in October.

6:30PM

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



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

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



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.

Sundays • 10:00AM
Youth Room

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

Wednesdays | 6PM
Youth Room



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

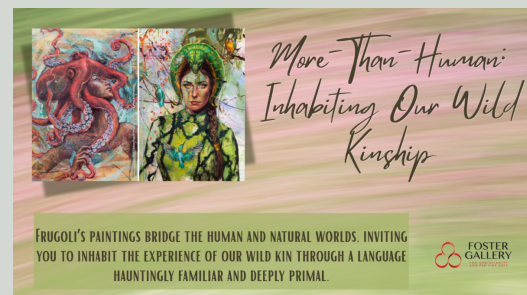
[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

Fine Arts

August Foster Gallery Exhibition
August 1 - 25

More-Than-Human: Inhabiting Our Wild Kinship by Tracey Frugoli

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:
Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM
Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30AM
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?
Contact Eugene Maison**

This Week's Sermon



Giving

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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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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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