



eHighlights

October 23, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

October 1 - 27. Exhibition: *Shared Horizon: Field Notes*. Foster Gallery.

October. Pastor Appreciation Month.

October 24. Abide Young Adult Gathering. 5PM.

October 25. 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.

October 26. Church Council. 7PM. Worship Center.

October 28. Wednesday @ Church. 6:30PM.
Pastor Miguel's Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.
Youth Activities. Youth Room.
Children Activities. Children's Area.

This Week's Sermon



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Announcements

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 26 • 7PM
WORSHIP CENTER

CHARGE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 8 • 5PM
PRINCEVILLE UMC

Loaves & Fish

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCT DRIVE
OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 1

Personal Care Product Drive

Loaves & Fish is in need of personal care items for our guests. Your donations are appreciated. Items Needed: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, lotion, feminine products, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

Drop off your donations in the Gathering Space through November 1.



All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembering those who have passed in the last year. If you would like your loved one remembered in worship on

November 1, please submit their name, birth and death dates, and a photo. Please submit the information to Christina Koepfel no later than October 27.

[Email Christina](#)



A Special Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to a small but mighty team of volunteers who completed the fall landscape cleanup. Becky White, Pam Swirmicky, Levi Nicholson, and Rod Rolffs were instrumental in removing this year's growth in preparation for spring blooms.

No green thumbs are required to keep our grounds beautiful! Please consider joining in on future projects.

Barbara Batterham
Landscape Chairperson



Pie Auction T-Shirt's For Sale

Reserve your 5th Annual Pie Auction T-shirt! Shirts are available in sizes Small - 3XL. Cost is \$15. Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Events



Abide Young Adult Group

Come hang out with us at Abide! We're bringing together young adults (ages 18–29) for a night focused on faith and fun. Please RSVP for further details (309.550.3006).

October 24 | 5PM



Children's Ministry Costume Day!

Watch for the kids of Peoria First to visit your Sunday School class or area of ministry in costume. Kids will be dressed up and looking for treats!

Sunday, November 1 | 10AM and 11:15AM



5th Annual Mission Celebration and Pie Auction

Mark your calendar for the 5th annual Mission Celebration and Pie Auction.

- Silent Auction will have many items - something for everyone!
- Can you donate a pie or other baked treat? Call the church office or email Bonnie Howard.
- Donate cash to Peoria First youth so they can bid on one large item. You may give cash to Christina or mark your donation "Youth Pie Auction Donation."
- Watch for announcement about special 5th Annual Pie Auction t-shirts!

Auction proceeds will support scholarships for the School of Nursing in Ganta, Liberia.

Friday, November 13 | 6:30PM | Worship Center

[EMAIL Bonnie Howard](#)

Fruits of the Pie Auction
Scholarship Recipient Spotlight



Abraham D. Zuku
Towels Yard, Ganta City
Nimba County, Liberia
October 7, 2026
First United Methodist Church
Peoria, Illinois, USA
Dear Sir/Madam,

With a grateful heart, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for being one of the beneficiaries of the Peoria FUMC Nursing Scholarship Program.

This scholarship has helped me immensely this semester by covering my entire tuition fees, for which my family and I are truly grateful. Now that my parents are retired and with the recent increase in tuition costs.

This scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to continue my education and pursue my purpose, which is to contribute meaningfully to solving some of the many challenges faced by our healthcare sector in Liberia. Through the knowledge and skills I am acquiring while studying nursing at Wilfred J. Harley College of Health Sciences, I hope to provide quality, patient-centered care in the future and uphold the highest standards of clinical and ethical practice.

May God bless the Peoria FUMC family as you continue to help those in need around the world.

Sincerely,
Abraham D. Zuku

Mission First

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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



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 Koeppel**

[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

Fine Arts

November Foster Gallery Exhibition

November 1 - 25

Fragments of Memory / Carol Quell

Let Me Reintroduce Myself: New and Selected Works / Shannon C. Alig

First Friday Reception: November 6 | 5 - 8PM | Live Music

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30AM

Other Showings by Appointment



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

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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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