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October 30, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

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

November 1. Set Your Clocks Back!

November 1. 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.

November 4. 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



Announcements



Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Be sure to set your clock back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday.



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

GLOBAL MINISTRIES
General Board of Global Ministries
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Peoria First ~ Grant Recipient

Global Ministries launched a Feeding Our Neighbors program to help local churches in the U.S. continue and increase their feeding ministries. These grants are intended to inspire acts of compassion, in answer to Jesus' call in Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

Illinois Great Rivers Conference was one conference that received the $20,000 grant. Thank you to Andrew Rininger who applied for the grant and Peoria First was selected to receive one of the $2,000 grants to assist Loaves & Fish purchase food for our community.

Events



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.

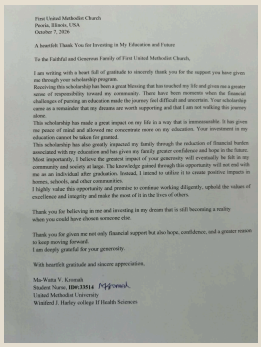
Friday, November 13 | 6:30PM | Worship Center

EMAIL Bonnie Howard

Fruits of the Pie Auction

Scholarship Recipient Spotlight





First United Methodist Church
Peoria, Illinois, USA
October 7, 2026

A heartfelt Thank You for Investing in My Education and Future

To the Faithful and Generous Family of First United Methodist Church,

I am writing with a heart full of gratitude to sincerely thank you for the support you have given me through your scholarship program.
Receiving this scholarship has been a great blessing that has touched my life and given me a greater sense of responsibility toward my community. There have been moments when the financial challenges of pursuing an education made the journey feel difficult and uncertain. Your scholarship came as a reminder that my dreams are worth supporting and that I am not walking this journey alone.
This scholarship has made a great impact on my life in a way that is immeasurable. It has given me peace of mind and allowed me concentrate more on my education. Your investment in my education cannot be taken for granted.
This scholarship has also greatly impacted my family through the reduction of financial burden associated with my education and has given my family greater confidence and hope in the future. Most importantly, I believe the greatest impact of your generosity will eventually be felt in my community and society at large. The knowledge gained through this opportunity will not end with me as an individual after graduation. Instead, I intend to utilize it to create positive impacts in homes, schools, and other communities.
I highly value this opportunity and promise to continue working diligently, uphold the values of excellence and integrity and make the most of it in the lives of others.

Thank you for believing in me and investing in my dream that is still becoming a reality when you could have chosen someone else.

Thank you for given me not only financial support but also hope, confidence, and a greater reason to keep moving forward.
I am deeply grateful for your generosity.

With heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation,

Ma-Watta V. Kromah
Student Nurse, ID#:33514
United Methodist University
Winifred J. Harley college If Health Sciences



Women @ First Holiday Gathering

Join the Women of First Church for an evening of music, crafts, and connection! Whether you come on your own or bring a friend, you are invited to share in the fun and fellowship.

Cost: $15.
Register at the Welcome Desk or click the link to register online.
Childcare available.

Friday, November 20 | 6PM | Worship Center

REGISTER Here

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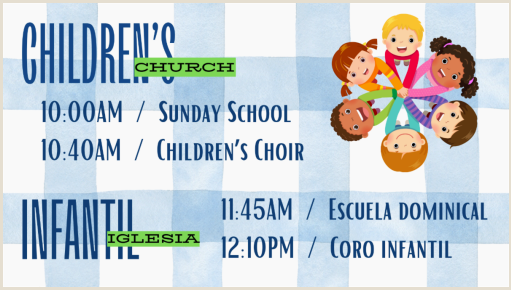
It is in our vision statement that we are to make (and grow) disciples of Jesus Christ. A piece of becoming a disciple is service.
There are always serving opportunities at Peoria First.

MISSION 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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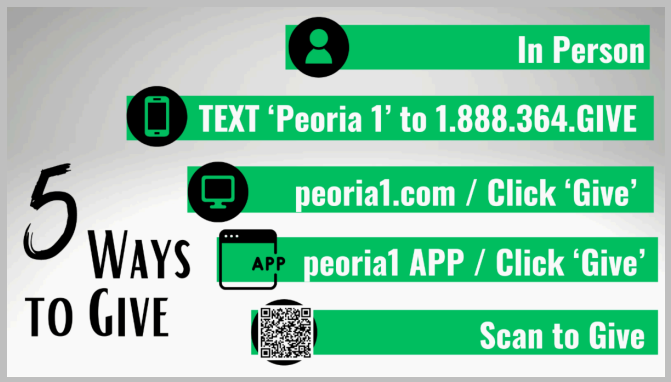
FOSTER GALLERY
FOR CHRISTIANITY AND THE FINE ARTS

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

EMAIL Eugene Maison

Giving

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GIVING QUESTION? Email Here

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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Email Julie Bell



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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