

eHighlights

October 9, 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 10. Fall Clean-up. 9AM. Outside church grounds.

October 11. 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 14. 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



a Life of
WORSHIP

Welcome! New Staff Members



Welcome, Dr. Josh Phelps

Welcome, Dr. Josh Phelps, Director of Traditional Music and Worship.

Dr. Josh Phelps enjoys a diverse career as a conductor, performer, minister, auctioneer, and entrepreneur. As an accomplished tenor soloist and conductor, Josh has performed in the world's most celebrated venues including Carnegie Hall, opera houses in Italy, and has conducted throughout the United States as well as Europe.

Josh is also an award winning auctioneer, most recently earning the title of 2026 Texas State Champion Auctioneer.

Please give Josh and his wife, Lacey, a warm welcome to Peoria First!



Welcome, Liz Pollack

Welcome, Liz Pollack, Director of Congregational Care.

Liz was born and raised in Princeton, IL in a Jewish home in a Christian Community. She was baptized in 2010.

Liz's education includes a Bachelors in Liberal Arts and Sciences from Bradley University with a focus on psychology and a Masters in Counseling Psychology from ISU.

She has had her own private practice for 39 years and has worked as a management consultant and taught leadership classes.

Liz is happy now to be serving at Peoria First and spreading Jesus's love, caring and outreach.

Announcements



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 October 11 - November 1.

Questions? Contact Andrew Rininger



Save the Date! 2026 Pie Auction

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

More details coming soon!

Friday, November 13 | 6PM
Worship Center

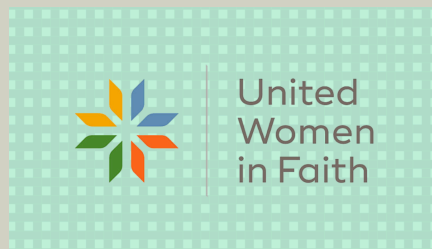
Events



Fall Clean-Up

Help us keep our church grounds beautiful as the seasons change! Join us for our annual Fall Clean-Up. This is considered "light" clean-up . . . no experience . . . no tools needed.

Saturday, October 10 | 9-11AM



United Women in Faith Meeting

United Women in Faith are meeting in October. Our speakers will be Camy Pietreniak and Heather Stacy. Camy and Heather represent LULA (Love You Like Always) organization and will speak on homelessness in Peoria .

All women are welcome to attend!

Tuesday, October 13 | 10AM
Gathering Space



Worldwide Time of Prayer

Join us for a Zoom time of prayer as we pray with and for missionaries around the world.

Please RSVP to Mike Illuzzi if you will attend online.

October 21 | 7:30 - 8:45AM

RSVP to Mike Illuzzi

ZOOM Meeting Link



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



JOIN! The Police Prayer Team

Our local police officers put their lives on the line every day to serve and protect our community. You can make a meaningful difference in their lives right from home by joining our Police Prayer Team.

As a team member, you will be paired with an officer(s) to support throughout the year.

What You'll Do:

- Write Monthly Notes: Send a brief, handwritten note or card once a month offering words of encouragement and appreciation.
- Pray: Lift up your assigned officer, their family, and their daily safety in your personal prayer time.

Interested in joining?

Sign up in the Gathering Space Sunday or contact Richard Moore to get started and receive your officer assignment.

[EMAIL Richard Moore](#)



Say YES! to our Kids

We're looking for volunteers to help love, teach, and encourage our kids on Sunday mornings! Whether you can serve weekly, monthly, or as a substitute, we'd love to have you.

No experience needed—just a heart for kids! Interested? Contact Rosy Rios or visit the Children's Desk.

[EMAIL Rosy Rios](#)

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.

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.

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

October Foster Gallery Exhibition

October 1 - 27

Shared Horizon: Field Notes by: Ana Fleming, Rose Hubbard, Whitney Johnson-Lessard,
Hattie Lee Mendoza, & Lisa Nelson Raabe

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30AM

Other Showings by Appointment



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

EMAIL 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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