

# eHighlights

May 1, 2026  
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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## This Week's Dates to Remember

May 1. First Friday Reception. 5 - 8PM. Foster Gallery.

May 3. Border Vision Trip Presentation. 10AM. Chapel.

May 6. Wednesday @ Church. 6:30PM.

Pastor Tim's Bible Study on Revelation. Room 215.

Bilingual. Worship Center.

Youth Activities. Youth Room.

Children Activities. Children's Area.

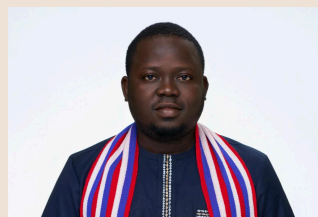
## Announcements



### ***Border Vision Trip Presentation***

Pastor Miguel and Rosy Rios and Julie Rolffs traveled to Mexico on two recent vision trips. You are invited to attend a presentation on these vision trips. Learn why we are shifting away from Honduras toward Mexico and hear about possibilities for future partnerships.

May 3 | 10AM | Worship Center



### ***Visit from Ganta School of Nursing***

Steve Quoi, a graduate of the Ganta School of Nursing in Liberia, will be making a greeting in all 3 worship services and will be interviewed during the Sunday School hour. Join us for this special presentation.

May 24 | 10AM | Worship Center



*Celebrating 2026  
Graduates*

**2026 Graduate?**

Are you or a family member graduating this year? We are celebrating our graduates in a video presentation in worship on May 17. Please submit name, grade level of graduate, and 2 photos: a younger photo of the graduate and a current photo to Christina Koeppel by May 10.

[Submit Graduate Here](#)



**Combined Worship Service**

On Sunday, May 31 we will have one worship service. Together we will celebrate 15 years of our bilingual worship service, Reneuvo.

After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together.

May 31 | 10:30AM | Worship Center



**LET US KNOW**

**Hospitalized?**

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please reach out to us so we can care for you and support you during this time. We are here for you and want to walk alongside you in prayer and presence.

There are times when the local hospitals are not aware that a patient is a member of Peoria First UMC.

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## Events



**Wednesday @ Church**

6PM. Time of Fellowship. Worship Center.

6:30PM

Pastor Tim's Bible Study on Revelation. Room 215.

Bilingual Bible Study. Worship Center.

Youth and Children Activities.

## Summer Art Camps



### **6 Ways 2 Praise**

Open to students going into grades 3 - 6.

Campers participate in black light performance, culinary arts, studio art, photography, music, and missions art projects.

All-day students should bring a lunch.

Cost: \$40 for the first child in a family, \$30 for each additional child in the same family. Partial Scholarships Available.

June 22-25, |8:30AM - 3:45PM  
Aftercare available till 4:45PM

Registration deadline is June 15. Register soon as space is limited!

[REGISTER Here](#)



### **Podcraft and AV Camp**

Open to students going into grades 7- 12.

Campers will gain practical experience in podcast creation and production, starting from brainstorming ideas to recording. Additionally, they will receive instruction in live audio-visual (AV) mixing and recording.

Cost: \$30 for the first student in a family, \$20 for each additional student in the same family. Partial Scholarships Available.

June 22-25, |1:00 - 3:45PM  
Aftercare available till 4:45PM

Registration deadline is June 15. Register soon as space is limited!

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[VOLUNTEER Here](#)

### **Art Camp Volunteers Needed**

Looking for volunteers during Art Camp week. You can volunteer for all or part of a day, for as many days as you are available.

All Day ~ 8:15AM - 3:45PM  
Morning ~ 8:15AM - NOON  
Afternoon ~ NOON - 3:45pm

## 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.

## Fine Arts

### May Foster Gallery Exhibition

May 1 - 25

*Capturing the Light with Glass Prints*  
by Antonio Ortiz-Valverde

#### First Friday Reception:

May 1 | 5 - 8PM

Live Piano Music by PAMTA Students

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon

Other Showings by Appointment



THIS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION EXPLORES THE TRANSFORMATIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN LIGHT, COLOR, AND MATERIAL PERCEPTION. GLASS ABSORBS THE LIGHT. COLORS MELT INTO RADIANT REFLECTIONS. LANDSCAPES SHIMMER WITH DEPTH AND VIBRANT SHINE. NATURE'S ESSENCE GLOWS THROUGH LUMINOUS GLASS. SOLITUDE AND IMAGINATION FUSED IN BRILLIANCE.

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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](#)

## 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



### Beulah Youth Summer Camp

Join us at Beulah Youth Institute for a week of Christian growth and community. Each day will be filled with encouraging worship, individual and small group Bible study, and



### Fully Loaded

*Filled with the Holy Spirit*

Join us for a bilingual summer camp - fully Spanish AND fully English.

ways for you to engage with God and other campers!

The theme this year focuses on Isaiah 41:1-2 Redeemer.

When: June 14-20

Grades: Grades 8 - 12

Cost: \$305 if registered and paid by May 1

Group: FUMC Peoria

Code: fumc116

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The theme of this year's camp is filled with the Holy Spirit.

When: July 16 - 18

Grades: 6 - 12

Cost: \$150

Contact Christina Koeppel with questions or to register.

[Email Christina](#)



### ***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](#)

## This Week's Sermon

# Jesus Awaits the Invitation






LUKE 24: 28 - 32



## 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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