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May 15, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

May 17. Sunday at First.
8:45AM Traditional Worship
9AM Renew
10AM Sunday School Hour
11:15AM Reneuvo

May 19. Morton Square Soccer Registration. 5-7PM. Worship Center

May 20. 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



2026 Graduate?

May 17 is the final day to submit graduation information. Please submit name, grade level of graduate, and 2 photos: a younger photo of the graduate and a current photo to Christina Koeppel.

[Submit Graduate Here](#)

Hosting a Meeting or Event?



[Submit a Request](#)

Hosting a Meeting or Event?

Are you hosting a meeting or event here at Peoria First? If so, please remember to have the meeting/event organizer complete a Room Request Form in advance. Forms are available on the church website (see link below) or through the church office.

Submitting a Room Request Form helps ensure that spaces are properly reserved and that the church calendar remains organized and up to date. Thank you for helping us keep our shared spaces running smoothly for everyone!

[RESERVE a Room Here](#)



Accreditation!

It is with great joy to share that the School of Nursing in Ganta, Liberia, achieved 89% compliance and passed their accreditation visit!

The Winifred J. Harley United Methodist University College of Health Sciences Nursing Program has been awarded Full Accreditation Status by the Liberian Board for Nursing and Midwifery.

This is fantastic news, made possible, in part, thanks to our \$62,000 investment in the school.

Events



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



Combined Worship Service

On Sunday, May 31 we will have one worship service. Together we will celebrate 15 years of our bilingual worship service, Renevo. After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. Please bring a side dish to share.

May 31 | 10:30AM | Worship Center



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.

Mission First



[Email Andrew Rininger](#)

Volunteers Needed

Morton Square Park Soccer is a free soccer program we host for neighborhood kids. We need 15 volunteers to help at registration on Tuesday, May 19 and 26 from 5-7PM. You may help one night or both nights . . .up to you! Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Desk or email Andrew Rininger.

May 19 | 5-7PM | Worship Center AND
May 26 | 5-7PM | Worship Center



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



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](#)



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

[VOLUNTEER Here](#)



2026 Vacation Bible School

Illumination Station VBS will be the brightest week of the year!

Each day kids will learn about who Jesus really is, participate in really cool crafts, exciting games, and enriching Bible study lessons that will have a lasting effect on them. Children Ages: 5 - 11.

Cost: \$25 for the first child in family. \$15 for each additional child in family.

July 6 - 9 | 9AM - Noon

[REGISTER Here for VBS](#)



VBS Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School is coming soon, and we would love your help! We are looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways as we share the love of Christ with children in our community. Whether you can help with teaching, crafts, snacks, games, decorating, or simply welcoming families, there is a place for you. Please contact the church office or sign up to be part of this exciting ministry opportunity!

July 6 - 9 | 9AM - Noon

[VOLUNTEER Here](#)

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



Podcraft and AV Camp

Open to students going into grades 7- 12.

Campers will gain practical experience in podcast creation and production, starting from



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.

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

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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 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
Group: FUMC Peoria
Code: fumc116

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Fully Loaded Filled with the Holy Spirit

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

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 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 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

May Foster Gallery Exhibition

May 1 - 25

Capturing the Light with Glass Prints
by Antonio Ortiz-Valverde

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:
Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM
Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon
Other Showings by Appointment



**FINE ARTS
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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

This Week's Sermon



WAIT for Power

LUKE 24:49-53. ACTS 1: 1-11

Giving

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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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