



# Weekly News Highlights

May 22, 2026  
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS  
for  
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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## This Week's Dates to Remember

May 24. Sunday at First.  
8:45AM Traditional Worship  
9AM Renew  
10AM Sunday School Hour  
11:15AM Renuevo

May 24. Ganta School of Nursing Presentation. 10:15AM. Worship Center.

May 25. Memorial Day. Church Office Closed.

May 26. Morton Square Soccer Registration. 5-7PM. Worship Center

May 27. 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



### *Memorial Day*

On Monday, Memorial Day, take time to honor and remember the heroes who served and sacrificed. We don't just remember the sacrifice; we honor the lives, the dreams, and the brave souls behind the uniforms. Deeply grateful, today and every day.



STEVE QUOI.  
GRADUATE OF GANTA SCHOOL OF NURSING

### *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.

## Events



### ***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



### ***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!

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## **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

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## **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.

July 6 - 9 | 9AM - Noon




## **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

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<b>CHILDREN'S</b> CHURCH	
10:00AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL	
10:40AM / CHILDREN'S CHOIR	
<b>INFANTIL</b> IGLESIA	11:45AM / ESCUELA DOMINICAL
	12:10PM / CORO INFANTIL



### CHILDCARE

#### **Childcare Hours**

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



### Comfort Room

LOCATED IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA

#### **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**



**Art Camp Volunteers Needed**

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.

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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

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### ***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 Small Group***

Youth Sunday School is for youth  
in 6th - 12th Grades.

Sundays • 10:00AM  
Youth Room

Join us every Wednesday 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

**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



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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






*Let the Fire Fall*

ACTS 2:1-5, 14-22

## Giving

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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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