

eHighlights

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WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
PEORIA FIRST UMC

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This Week's Dates to Remember

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

May 12. United Women in Faith. 10AM. Gathering Space.

May 13. 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



Happy Mother's Day

Let's celebrate the incredible women who shape our lives, our homes, and our community of faith. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, godmother, foster mom, spiritual mentor or friend, your influence is a reflection of God's unconditional love.



Thank You, Peoria First

A few weeks ago at Loaves & Fish, a guest came through the line who hadn't been here since 2017. Before moving away, she had received help from our benevolence ministry. As she went through the line, she quietly asked if she might receive a little extra food. She shared that she is now caring for her grown children, her grandchildren, and her disabled mother. I assured her that not only could we help today, but that Loaves & Fish is here every Saturday—and each time she comes, we will make sure she has what she needs. At that, she began to cry.

She told me how much this church meant to her during a difficult season of her life—how the care she received here is what helped sustain her. Then she pulled out an envelope from 2017- the one from her benevolence visit. She has carried it with her all these years as a reminder of God's love and the kindness she experienced here. She simply said, "Thank you for loving me."

Many of our Loaves & Fish volunteers knew her story and felt called to do more. Because of their generosity, we were able to provide a small wagon, children's clothing, hygiene items, a few toys, and a gift card so she could purchase something for herself.

Peoria First- this is love in action.

Andrew Rininger



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 Koepfel.

[Submit Graduate Here](#)



The Herald

A new edition of The Herald is now available. Pick up a print copy at church or view online.

[View THE HERALD Here](#)

Events



United Women in Faith



Combined Worship Service

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

All women are welcome to the next meeting of the United Women of Faith. The speaker will be Julie Bonar, Director of Neighborhood House.

This will be the last meeting until September.

May 12 | 10AM | Gathering Space

of our bilingual worship service, Reneuvo.

After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together.

May 31 | 10:30AM | 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



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.



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: \$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](#)

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!

[REGISTER Here](#)



[VOLUNTEERHere](#)

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



[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](#)

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
MINISTRY**
PEORIA FIRST



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 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



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.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[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

Run to Tell






A banner image showing a close-up of a person's legs and feet in orange and blue running shoes, running on a paved path. In the background, other runners and orange traffic cones are visible.

Luke 24:33-48

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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