

eHighlights

February 20, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

February 23. Church Council Meeting. 7PM. Worship Center.
February 25. GriefShare. 1PM. Conference Room A.
February 25. Wednesday @ Church. 6PM.
February. *In Your Eyes* Art Exhibition Reception. Foster Gallery.

Announcements



A New Sermon Series: Come and See. Go and Tell.

"This series... and our faith... begins here. First, come and see... personally. Draw a little closer to Jesus yourself. Then stay and see... consistently. Make space to be with Jesus and not just know about Him. Build a relationship, not just knowledge. Then... go and say to others, "Come and see." Remember, you are not responsible for winning arguments, for answering every doubt, or fixing anyone's life. You are simply sent to say, "I don't have it all figured out, but I'm seeing something real happening in my life and in the lives of others. Come and see." That's how it began in John chapter 1, and that's still how it begins today."



Church Council Meeting

Everyone is invited to come and listen and ask questions as topics of church business are discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, February 23. 7PM
Worship Center

Events



Wednesday @ Church

6PM Time of Fellowship • Worship Center

6:30PM

English Bible Study with Pastor Tim
Conference Room C

Spanish Bible Study with Pastor Miguel
Worship Center

Youth Activities
Youth Room

Children Activities
Children's Area

Mission First



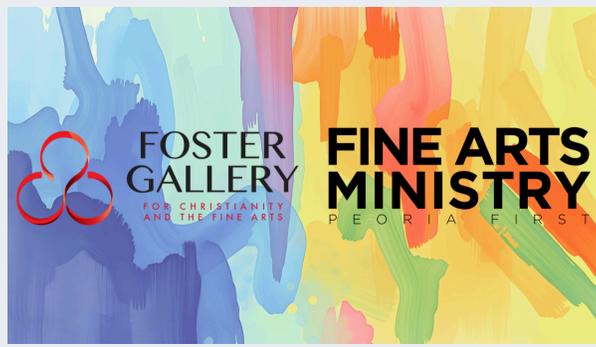
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Higher. Wider. Closer. Deeper.

As we plan ministry in 2026, we would like to invite you to be a part of the process and join one of the 4 teams:

- Higher Team focus is on worship and praise of God,
- Wider Team focus is on outreach and mission,
- Closer Team focus is on care and fellowship of one another,
- Deeper Team focus is on going deeper in faith in Sunday School class, small group and spiritual practices.

The time commitment is minimal but the impact is crucial to the life of our church.



Foster Gallery

Do you like meeting new people? Join a team to walk around the Foster Gallery at the reception on first Friday. A reception takes place the first Friday of each month; many people from the community come in to the Gallery.

We are looking for a few people who are willing to engage guests in conversation as they visit. Receptions are 5-8PM.

You do not need to commit every first Friday. We would love to have a team to spread the fun throughout the year.

Contact Julie Bell if you would like to serve or have questions.

[EMAIL Julie Bell](#)

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](#)

Fine Arts

February Foster Gallery Exhibition

In Your Eyes

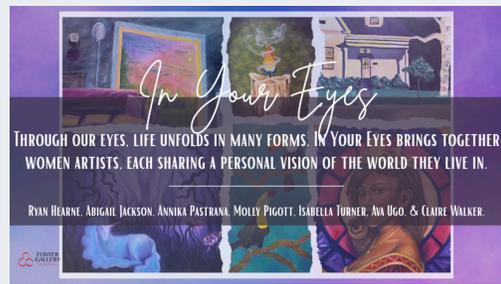
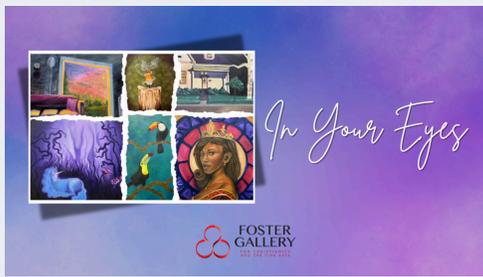
by Ryan Hearne, Abigail Jackson, Annika Pastrana, Molly Pigott,
Isabella Turner, Ava Ugo, & Claire Walker

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:

Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon

Other Showings by Appointment



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

EMAIL Eugene Maison

Children

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



2026 Kids Conference

All grade school children (1st - 5th grades) are invited to the Kids Light Conference where they will 'tune in' to God's Word. This is a one day discipleship event in Canton, IL on March 7 from 9AM - 2PM. Please register before February 22 at the Children's Ministry desk or here by emailing Rosy Rios.

Saturday, March 7 / 9AM - 2PM

EMAIL Rosy Rios



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

This Week's Sermon



Giving

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eHIGHLIGHTS Submissions

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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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