

eHighlights

February 6, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

February 6. *In Your Eyes* Art Exhibition Reception. 5PM. Foster Gallery.
February 8. John Orfe Cake Reception. Sunday Morning. Gathering Space.
February 10. United Women in Faith. 10AM. Gathering Space.
February 11. GriefShare. 1PM. Conference Room A.
February 11. Wednesday Night @ Church. 6:30PM.

Spiritual Formation Practice



The Ancient Path

Sermon Series *The Ancient Path*

"The ancient path is not where we used to be—it's how we walk with God now." The ancient path isn't behind us, but beneath us.

Spiritual Formation Practice ~ Week 5 *Completing the Work God Began*

Once this week take 5 minutes to sit in silence and reflection on Philippians 1:3–11

- Take a moment to breathe and center your heart and thoughts on God.
- Read this passage slowly.
- Then ask: "Lord, who is supposed to finish this work you started in me?"
- Pause, breathe, and wait a moment or two.
- Pray slowly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, and let me walk therein. Help me to do the things you ask me to do, give up control of the things I cannot do, and to trust your work in the things only you can do. Help me give up control over what I cannot control."
- Pause, breathe, and wait a moment or two.
- Let God speak and begin to see where you need to lean into God's presence and faithfully trust in God's plan.
- Pray slowly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, and let me walk therein. Let me remain deeply connected to you in all things. Amen."

Formation begins with honest attention to where we are being asked to work out our salvation, and where we're being asked to give up control, to trust God's work in us and in our world.

Announcements



2026 Grammy Award Winner

Congratulations to Dr. John Orfe. John along with his ensemble group, Alarm Will Sound, won a Grammy Award last week for Best Chamber Music / Small Ensemble. Let's help John celebrate this great accomplishment. Cake will be available in the Gathering Space this Sunday.

Cake Reception • Sunday, February 8
Gathering Space



Hearts for the Homebound

Sunday, February 8 is the final day to fill bags for those in our congregation who are unable to be an active part of our congregation. Please consider writing cards, notes and bringing in treats to fill up the bags.

Sunday, February 8 • Gathering Space



Email Julie Bell

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.

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

Wednesday @ Church

MIDWEEK: COME AS YOU ARE.



RESET. REFRESH. RENEW.

Worship Center

Youth Activities
Youth Room

Children Activities
Children's Area



In Your Eyes

Foster Gallery NEW February exhibition. Through our eyes, life unfolds in many forms. In Your Eyes brings together women artists, each sharing a personal vision of the world they live in.

First Friday Reception
Friday, February 6 • 5 - 8PM
Foster Gallery



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 10 am. We will meet in the Gathering Space. The speaker will be Doug Burgess from Burgess Driving School.

All women are welcome!

Tuesday, February 10 • 10AM
Gathering Space

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.

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Fine Arts

February Foster Gallery Exhibition

In Your Eyes

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

Friday Reception: February 6 • 5 - 8PM

Live Music

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



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 • 6:30PM
Youth Room



**Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Christina Koepfel**

Email Christina Koepfel






This Week's Sermon

God Finishes what God Starts

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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