

# The Peoria Christian

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## Loving God & Our Neighbors Reverently & Radically



The month of October here at FCC Peoria is full with wonderful and important happenings. As we shake off the last bits of summer, and prepare ourselves for the changing of the season, our focus as a congregation sharpens a bit. Vacations are mostly passed, visiting family members have returned home, and in many facets of life the regular routines are settling back into place.

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. A worship service where we join in solidarity with all of Christendom at the Lord's table. For us Disciples, communion anchors the experience of worship on a weekly basis. But for many protestant denominations, that isn't the case. So there is something quite meaningful about knowing that every Christian around the globe is joining in this uniting ritual experience. Unity is so rare these days.

The final three weeks of October are set aside to give special attention to our calling as stewards of God's church and all of creation. This year's Stewardship Campaign is themed "More Than Sunday" and will take us through a three week examination of how we live out our faith beyond the ritual of Sunday morning Worship - "fueling the everyday work of the Church."

At the culmination of the Stewardship Campaign, on October 26th, we will receive your 2026 pledges and celebrate the future of our church with an end-of-month Potluck meal. I hope that all of us are planning to attend Worship throughout the Stewardship season and make a special effort to be present for all that is happening on October 26th.

Together we reveal the good news of the gospel. Together we make a way where there wasn't one before. Together we create the space for God's miracles to be made known. Together we make the world a bit better - by bold faith and deep love. I am grateful to be walking our path together, and am sure - together - we will continue to hear the still small voice of God in our midst.

In Christ's Grace and Peace, Pastor Adam



### Food Pantry

In October, items donated will be going to Woodland Baptist. Any non-perishable items are much needed.

Thank you!



### August Giving

DMF	\$1258.33
GOCC Snack Pack	\$250
Picket Fence	\$350



### Stewardship

Giving is more than a responsibility - it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience - it is evidence of our faith.

- William Arthur Ward



### Creation Care Tip

Plant a tree. In one year, a single mature tree can absorb as much pollution as a car produces by driving 11,000 miles!

# WORSHIP INFO

## Disciples & the Lord's Table



**October 5, 2025**

"Disciples & the Lord's Table"

Scripture: Mark 14:22-26

Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

A brief exploration of the Disciples history as a Table-centered movement of Christ, and imagining what it would have been like to sit at that first Communion Table.

Special Music: "Hope for All Nations" -arr. Cliff Duren  
Sanctuary Choir

**October 12, 2025**

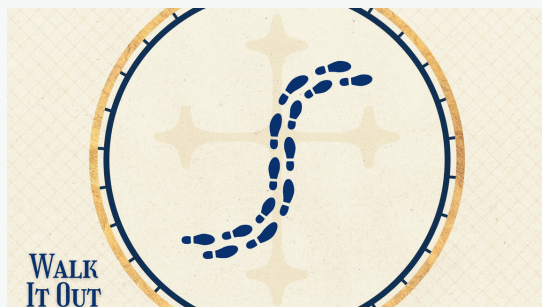
"Walk It Out"

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

Ruth didn't show up to worship, she became it. Her faith wasn't expressed in words or rituals, but in a life-altering commitment to love, loyalty, and presence. She chose to stay, to walk into the unknown, and to embody covenant beyond comfort. This is faith in motion. It's not just something we attend. It's something we live.

Special Music: "Count Your Blessings" -arr. Patricia Cota  
Jubilate Ringers



**October 19, 2025**

"Holy Defiance"

Scripture: Exodus 1:15-21

Rev. Mason Fitch, preaching

Shiphrah and Puah didn't have power, titles, or armor. What they had was holy defiance - the kind of faith that says no to death-dealing systems and yes to life, even when it's risky. Their resistance wasn't loud, but it changed everything. Our church is at its most faithful when we act; not for comfort, but for justice. This is the kind of faith that changes the story.

Special Music: "One Day Soon, We'll See Jesus"  
- arr. Crouch/McDonald, Sanctuary Choir



**October 26, 2025**

"Legacy in Motion"

Scripture: Romans 16:1-16

Rev. Adam Bradley, preaching

Phoebe, Junia, Prisca, Aquila. The early church wasn't powered by theory. It moved forward because real people showed up, risked, gave, carried, led. Their faith was legacy in motion; justice that needed resources, courage, and community. We don't just manage a budget; we invest in transformation. We're not maintaining a church. We're fueling a movement.

Special Music: "All Night, All Day" - arr. Susan E. Geschke  
Jubilate Ringers





## Sunday Morning Study - October led by Dave Sinn



Dave Sinn will be leading this class in October. Check at the information desk for information on the topic.

## Responders Class led by Becky Sisk



In the Responders adult Sunday School class, we use Wired Word lessons each Sunday, 9-10 am. We examine current events from the point of view of the Bible and our faith. Our topics are current and often challenge us in new ways. Come join us!

## Weekly Bible Study



In the month of October, we will be watching 4 sermons that were presented at the General Assembly of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. After each sermon, a discussion will take place in response to what was said, and hopefully will inspire you to go deeper into the Word.

## "More Than Sunday" Stewardship Campaign



FCC Peoria invites you to participate in our annual Stewardship Campaign, running from October 12 through October 26. Kicking off the campaign is Stewardship Appreciation Sunday on the 12th where everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast treats as we celebrate the many ways YOU, our congregation, give. We are deeply grateful for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. As we enter this season of reflection and commitment, we encourage everyone to begin prayerfully considering how they will contribute to the ongoing work of the church, "More than Sunday."

## Trunk or Treat



Sharing our love of Jesus Christ, motivates us to reach out to others in our community. Trunk or Treat is an opportunity to provide a fun and safe place for kids and families to enjoy Halloween. Sharing a meal together is a great way to get to know one another. We will decorate tables to hand out treats. There is a sign up on the information desk as well as in the app. If you would please sign up to let us know how you can help that would be greatly appreciated! Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun. Halloween is coming soon! Chere and Steve Peters, Growth Ministry Team

## Calling All Sunday School Teachers!



On Sunday October 12th, right after Worship, there will be a Sunday School teachers meeting with a light lunch served.

We need your help. Please plan to join us if you have taught: Children - all ages, Youth, Adults.

Also, please plan to join us if you would like to teach Sunday School!!

Spouses/families are welcome to join us.

Please sign up at the information desk.

## Trivia Game



Join us on October 11th at 2pm for a fun-filled afternoon! Mason will be our host for the game, and is ready with riddles and

questions galore! Sign up to attend individually or sign up as a team. Please bring a snack to share! Sign up at the information desk.

## Halloween Candy



Early in October, the Disciple Women group will be filling Halloween bags, and they need your help! Please bring in small, individually wrapped candy. We need as much as we can get; it takes more than you think to fill the number of bags we've committed to. Thanks!

## Reconciliation Offering 2025



What a wonderful slogan for this year's Reconciliation offering! The Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Ministry leads the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the Church. Its Mission is to advance the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)'s journey toward wholeness by empowering the Church to implement structural change addressing historic fractures caused by racism and the systems that perpetuate it. It is the goal of their shared work to foster life-giving community within Disciples churches and in relationship with the whole family of God. This mission is accomplished through intentional dialogue, inclusive worship and experiential education.

This year First Christian Church of Peoria's Reconciliation offering will be received on Sundays September 28 and October 5. Ways to give: Reconciliation envelope in pledge envelopes boxes; Reconciliation offering envelopes on backs of pews; the Church Center app under Give; at fccpeoria.org under Give.



# FELLOWSHIP

## October Birthdays

Carmen Nicoll	10/5
Lisa Cheatham	10/8
Hudson Wronkiewicz	10/15
Levi Holloway	10/16
Jenny Tripses	10/17
Elisa Peters	10/18
Steve Hinrichs	10/20
Hannah Fitch	10/26
Katie Fitch	10/26
Betty Edwards	10/31



## October Anniversaries

Adam & Christina Truelove	10/5
Adam & Michele Bradley	10/9
Jerry & Val Hornbacker	10/17
Peter & Lindsey Hinshaw	10/21
Barb Furkin	10/24
Paul & Lorie Mansfield	10/27

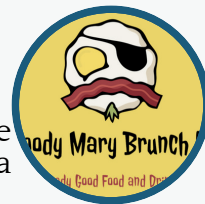


### Tasting Peoria Bloody Mary Brunch Co October 11th @ 8am

At Bloody Mary Brunch Co, they believe that brunch should be more than just a meal—it should be an event. Founded

by a group of brunch enthusiasts, their mission is to transform the ordinary weekend brunch into an extraordinary culinary adventure.

With a passion for exceptional food and a love for the perfect Bloody Mary, they've created a unique destination where flavor and fun collide.



### Disciple Women October 14th @ 12pm

This month we are filling halloween bags with candy! This is a wonderful fellowship AND service time for all. Please bring a lunch with you. Dana will be our hostess and Becky is providing our devotion.



### Book Club Anxious People October 16th @ 6pm

This book follows a bank robbery gone wrong, turning into a hostage situation at an apartment viewing. The would-be robber, facing financial hardship and other anxieties, ends up taking a group of strangers, including a retired couple, a wealthy banker, and a young couple, hostage.



We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Wood. For the address, please speak with Kathleen or contact the church office.

### Movie Night Wicked: Part I October 23rd @ 6pm

**Wicked: Part I** follows Elphaba, a young woman with extraordinary powers and green skin, as she forms an unexpected friendship with the dazzling Glinda at Shiz University. Together, they discover that the magical land they live in is far more complicated than it first appears.



### Potluck October 26th

Please sign up if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.



# SERVING SCHEDULES

Date	Presiding Elder	Table Elders	Deacons	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Counters
10/5/25	TBD	Mike Buckley Becky Sisk	Laura Cohen Jake Cohen Connie Julien Laura Buckley Dan Cox	Larry Weber	Natalie Woods	Ralph & Ilene Tegg	Mike & Laura Buckley
10/12/25	Dave Sinn	Chere Peter Jenny Tripses	Laura Cohen Jake Cohen Connie Julien Laura Buckley Dan Cox	Sandy Surface	Natalie Woods	Ralph & Ilene Tegg	Owen & Alice Jury
10/19/25	Frank Wheeler	Vickie Baker Roger Baker	Laura Cohen Jake Cohen Connie Julien Laura Buckley Dan Cox	Kevin Wolfe	Natalie Woods	Ralph & Ilene Tegg	Roger & Vickie Baker
10/26/25	Roger Baker	Sandy Surface Carmen Nicoll	Laura Cohen Jake Cohen Connie Julien Laura Buckley Dan Cox	Laura Cohen	Natalie Woods	Ralph & Ilene Tegg	John & Lisa Best

Date	Friends with Jesus	Growing Disciples	The Open Table
10/5/25	Jenny Tripses	Kathleen Wheeler	Dave Sinn
10/12/25	Chere Peters	Kathleen Wheeler	Dave Sinn
10/19/25	TBD	Kathleen Wheeler	Dave Sinn
10/26/25	Linda Rex	Kathleen Wheeler	Dave Sinn

It's that time again! Join the  
Illinois Valley Cluster for the annual

# Wiener Roast and Hayrides

at the Colburn Farm, Eureka

**Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025**

3:00-6:00 p.m.



**What:** Roasting hot dogs, hayrides, fellowship,  
and singing around the campfire!

**Who:** Youth groups, families, adults ... all ages

**Cost:** \$4 per person or \$10 per family

**RSVP:** Please contact Jane Cahill at 309-645-1388  
or [cahill.jane@gmail.com](mailto:cahill.jane@gmail.com) by Wednesday,  
Oct. 8 to let us know how many will be  
coming.

**Directions:** Colburn Farm – 1031 W. Center St., Eureka. Look for our sign  
along Route 24, just west of Eureka. Turn north into the lane next to Tri C  
Company, across from the Sam Leman car dealership.

Food and table service will be provided. You may wish to bring lawn  
chairs and roasting sticks if you have them.