



***It has been a monumental week
for First Presbyterian, Springfield!***

We closed on the St. Andrew's property sale.

We've completed the paperwork to transfer the sale proceeds to the
Presbyterian Foundation.

We made local and national news for our creative community ministry.

We begin in person worship in the garden on May 5th.

Congratulations!

Thanks be to God!

Welcome, all!

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Rev. Susan Phillips

Please join us online at 10:30 AM

Be sure to bring bread and cup for
communion as we gather for worship in
zoom.

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***Wednesday Worship in the
Garden Begins This Week***

Join us in our beautiful garden for
Wednesday worship starting May 5th. We
will gather around 5:30 pm for some
social time. The service will begin at 6:00



pm. We will have Communion and ask that you bring bread and beverage. Emily Wheeler will be providing music. Immediately following the service we will open the sanctuary for those seeking some time of quiet reflection and prayer. We will be taking all precautionary measures including masking, social distancing, and hand sanitizing.



New Micro-Pantry at FPC is Open!



First Presbyterian Church parishioner Don Ecklund, left, along with Linda Justice, center, and Rev. Susan Phillips, right, with the new micropantry that mimics the historic red doors of the church on Seventh Street in Springfield.
PHOTOS BY JUSTIN L. FOWLER/THE STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER

On Sunday, April 25th, dozens of us met in the parking lot at church to stock the pantry, play with chalk and bubbles, visit with friends, and receive new members. It is wonderful that the SJR wrote about our micro-pantry on Monday.

We've been inspired by so many in our community who build, stock, maintain and use the thirty-three micro-pantries in our communities! Our church now supports two micro-pantries: one at church and one at 422 S. 5th Street across from the governor's mansion.

The generosity shared and the needs met are both gifts. We hope we can have more conversations about the causes of hunger so we can reduce poverty.

Thank you SJR for this front page story!

The micro pantry is beautiful!
The generosity of members and neighbors is faithful!
Hunger and homelessness are real.
Charity addresses immediate needs.
Justice addresses the causes.
We need both until everyone has enough to live and thrive.

This Sunday, May 2, during our Zoom worship service at 10:30, we will dedicate the micro-pantry and recognize other ways the church is serving our neighbors. In addition to the micro-pantries we continue to donate to Helping Hands, Grace Lutheran Food Pantry, 5th Street Renaissance, SIAN, and the Senior Center.

You can help stock the pantry by adding non-perishable food items or personal care products. [Here's how!](#)

[What is a micro-pantry?](#)

[First Presbyterian Sponsored Micro-Pantries](#)

[Pantry donation suggestions](#)

Our congregation made national news!

USA TODAY picked up the story about our micro pantry April 27th, national section, page 5D.

Springfield: After the pandemic forced the shuttering of the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church, a challenge was thrown down for someone to build a micropantry in its stead. Don Ecklund, who had built the area's first Little Free Library at his home and is the downtown church's Habitat for Humanity representative, stepped up. The micropantry he created to offer access to canned goods, box dinners and other food 24/7 was designed to resemble the church itself, where Abraham Lincoln worshipped, including its iconic red doors and "dove" Tiffany window. It was dedicated and stockpiled over the weekend. Don Ecklund, Linda Justice and the Rev. Susan Phillips with a new micropantry that mimics First Presbyterian Church's historic red doors. (USA TODAY NETWORK)

St. Andrew's Sale Closes!

We closed on the property sale on Thursday, April 22. The Finance Committee is working with the Presbyterian Foundation regarding investments of the proceeds. Congratulations! This is a significant moment in the life of our congregation. May we be faithful stewards and generous disciples as we envision our future ministries together. Thank you to all who continue to work faithfully on this project!

Workshop Opportunities



The PCUSA has invited congregations to focus on Matthew 25 by attending to congregational vitality, systemic poverty and racism. The Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism is offering one more round of grant-funded anti-racism training in May-June. There are 11 workshops available. These learning opportunities include a two-hour webinar you watch on your own, then a two-hour facilitated conversation with community leaders.

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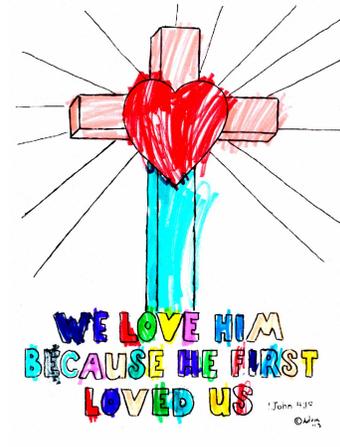
Earthrise

Several people asked about the video of a poem by Amanda Gorman shared during our April 25th worship service as part of Caring for God's Creation. [Here is the link for your inspiration!](#)

Kids Activity Page

[Click on this link for a fun activity page. Check back each week for a new activity page.](#)

Share your work with us! We would love to see and display your creativity and talent. Send us your colored pictures (scan, email, regular mail) and we will share them on Sunday mornings and maybe also on our Facebook page.



Tuesday Night Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for our Tuesday Night Bible Study each Tuesday at 6:30pm. Currently we are looking at the early church (the first 500 years) as they learned how to live out the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-34). We are guided by an excellent book by Diana Butler Bass titled "A People's History of Christianity." Plan on joining us! The meeting link is listed below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86582108914>

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Virtual PRIDEFEST Coming up May 15 - Fun For All Ages

We are proud to announce that First Presbyterian will be a major sponsor of Springfield Pridefest on May 15. Because of the pandemic this year's celebration will again be virtual. You can watch recorded and live segments starting at 1:00 p.m. For more details about the festival go to springfieldpride.org.

There are several opportunities for people of all ages to participate in the Pridefest fun. Activities (and their links) include:

- [Kid's Coloring Contest](#)
- [Kid's Scavenger Hunt Contest](#)
- [Teen Art Contest](#)
- [Teen Poetry Contest](#)
- [aDOORable Selfie Contest](#)





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**God,
from my youth
you have
taught me.**

— PSALM 71:17



It's that time of year again. Pentecost is coming May 23rd and that means we have the opportunity to share in the Pentecost Offering. This offering is especially important, and has become crucial in our time as it is used to help youth at risk. A large percentage of the offering remains with our congregation, making it a meaningful way of strengthening First Church.

I can think of no better way to contribute. Can you? Please be generous with our young people and give to the Pentecost Offering.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical mission.
Respectfully,
Glenna Kniss,
Mission Committee

[Give online now.](#) Be sure to mark it for the Pentecost offering.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Unity Build

The Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Unity Build includes a number of different faith communities as well service clubs, the NAACP, and members of the LGBTQ+ community affiliated with the Phoenix Center. Because of the pandemic, the April fundraising effort and build was postponed until 2021. Original plans for the fundraiser involved a mile and half Enos Park Neighborhood Habitat Home Walk with the opportunity for registered volunteers to stroll past eight beautiful Habitat homes after donating \$20 or more to the build.



The new walk date is set for Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. and will be virtual because of continuing concerns about the pandemic. Volunteers who donate \$20 or more will still receive a Unity Build t-shirt and are free to walk anywhere they wish. Send your donation to the church indicating that it is for the Habitat Unity Build and contact Don Ecklund to receive your t-shirt.

Facebook

Just a reminder that another way to be kept up to date on the happenings of the church is to check out our [Facebook page](#).

Keep Posting Your Renovation Ideas!



Thank you for your suggestions and questions regarding the renovation project. Your ideas to date have been posted to the renovation page for everyone to view. *Keep posting those ideas!*

Webpage

The Rooted and Reaching Renovation presentation recording is available at LincolnsChurch.org/renovation. You can review all of the information related to our renovation project, including congregational retreats, pastoral letters, engineering analysis, drawings, financial information, and timelines. We have a [suggestion box](#) for everyone to submit their questions and ideas, too.

SUGGESTION BOX

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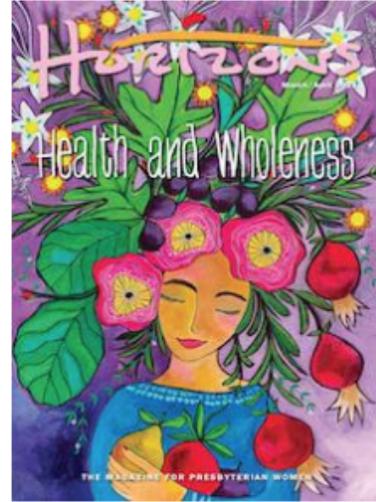
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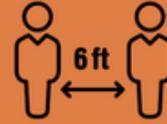
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**WEAR
A MASK**



**WASH
YOUR HANDS**



**WATCH
YOUR DISTANCE**



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Vaccination Helpers Available

Are you having difficulty navigating the registration system for the vaccine? Do you have an appointment but need a ride to the vaccination site? Would you like to have more information about the vaccine or talk with someone who has received it? The Deacons and the COVID Response Team are available to help. If you need assistance contact Chaplain Tim at tim@lincolnschurch.org or call the church office at 217.528.4311 and leave a message. Someone will be in touch.

[Click here for a list of frequently asked questions compiled by the COVID Response Team.](#)

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

[More Information](#)



Nick S.
Landon Z.
Leah Z.
Sara M.
Susan Pa.

All events are via Zoom unless otherwise specified.

May

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Worship Committee Meeting 2:30

Communications Committee Meeting 5:30

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Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30

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Wednesday Worship in the Garden 6:00

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Deacons Meeting 7:00

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Rev. Susan Phillips to lead worship

NOTE: Links to all events are attached to items on the church calendar found at <https://www.lincolnschurch.org/calendar>. If you click on any item in the calendar, the Zoom invitation will open.



Today		◀ MAY 2020 ▶	Timezone: GMT-05:00
02 SATURDAY	09:00am - 10:00am Design Charrette budget		
03 SUNDAY	10:30am - 11:30am Sunday Worship on Zoom When: Sun, May 3, 10:30am - 11:30am Description: https://zoom.us/j/395770581 Meeting ID: 395 770 581 Password: 6106230 One tap mobile+19294362866,,395770581# US (New York) Or call +1 669 900 6833 and use Meeting ID: 395 770 581. Copy to my Google Calendar		
04 MONDAY	04:00pm - 05:00pm Central IL Young Musicians Concert 02:30pm - 04:00pm Worship Committee Meeting 05:30pm - 06:30pm Christian Formation Meeting 05:30pm - 06:30pm communication meeting		

You can also find weekly church events on the homepage where a single click on the image of a computer or smart phone will take you to that Zoom meeting.

Connecting with Zoom

by computer, smart device, or telephone

Sunday *Worship* 10:30
all are welcome



Tuesday *Bible Study* 6:30
with Chaplain Tim



Wednesday *Worship* 7:00
all are welcome



If you would like some personal assistance learning Zoom, please consider joining us before worship at 10:00 on Sundays, 5:00 on Wednesdays or email RevSusan@LincolnsChurch.org for other times.

How to Join a Zoom Meeting

From your computer, cell phone or tablet:
Click the link provided.

To join a Zoom meeting via telephone:
Dial number given for the meeting. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID provided followed by #.

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