



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Rev. Susan Phillips

Please join us online at 10:30 AM

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Or Call +1 312 626 6799 and use

Meeting ID: 856 7771 8426



Wednesday Worship in the Garden

5:30 Social Time

6:00 Worship Service with Communion

6:30 Reflection and Prayer in the Sanctuary



We will celebrate together in the garden and take precautionary measures including masking, distancing, and hand sanitizing. Emily Wheeler will be providing music.

IL Presbyterian Home Ground Blessing

Please Join Us

Building on History – Ground Blessing

Fair Hills Cottages & Fair Hills Tower Apartments

Friday, May 14, 2021 at 1:00pm

2005 W. Lawrence, Springfield, IL

A brief outdoor ceremony and opportunity to learn more plus reserve your new HOME.



Join Us May 15 For Our Pridefest "Stationary Parade!"



Pridefest, Saturday, May 15, is virtual again this year. (The links for all the activities are listed below.)

Unfortunately, a virtual celebration means no parade. So, we have decided to have our own "stationary parade" on the corner of Capitol and 7th Street. All who would like to show their support for LGBTQIA+ folks in our community need only show up that Saturday from 11:00 - 12:00 and we will line the street. Please wear your t-shirts if you have them, bring something to wave, make signs, etc. We will stay COVID safe by masking and social distancing while we celebrate. After the "parade" you are welcome to bring lunch and continue to enjoy some fellowship time in the garden (weather permitting).

NPR Day Sponsorship

Do you donate to NPR radio? If so, would you be interested in pooling your resources with others to become a Day Sponsor for the church? A Day Sponsor receives ten on-air announcements.

Please email Michelle@LincolnsChurch.org if interested by May 24th.

Jan Hill: Featured Artist at the IL Presbyterian Home

Make sure to stop by the IL Presbyterian Home library while you are there and check out Jan's wonderful artwork. It will be displayed until the end of August

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.
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/springfieldcoalitionondismantlingracism/515530>

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 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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Building a Life of Faith

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

— PSALM 71:17



MATTHEW 25

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 Unity Build Kickoff and Blitz



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to the recent successful Habitat for Humanity Unity Build fundraising walk. The build will begin with a Kickoff, Thursday, May 27, 5:00 pm, at 2744 S 6th Street (Habitat offices and Restore). The week long blitz, lead by Greg Krutsinger, will take place June 1-5; weather permitting. The three bedroom energy efficient home, with six inch insulated exterior walls, will be built at 2037 E Cedar Street with homeowner Kendra Cutler and her six year old daughter, Anijha.

Kendra has nourished a dream of owning her own home for many years and has been working hard to save money, accumulate her 250 hours of sweat equity, and prepare herself for the responsibility of being a homeowner. "I am so grateful and blessed to be accepted into the program," Kendra said. "When I got the call from Habitat, I was so happy that my hands were shaking and tears came to my eyes." Kendra will assume a \$500 to \$600 monthly no-interest mortgage, which includes escrowed homeowners insurance and real estate taxes. Contact Don Ecklund for more information.

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



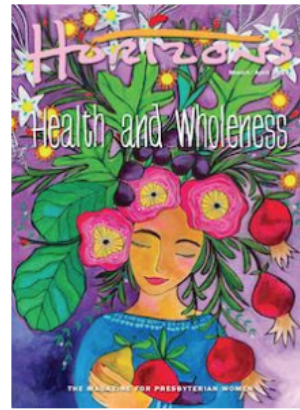
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Are you having difficulty navigating the registration system for the vaccine? Do you have an appointment but need a ride to the vaccination site? Would you like to have more information about the vaccine or talk with someone who has received it? The 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



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All events are via Zoom unless otherwise specified.

May

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Buildings and Grounds Meeting 4:00

Christian Formation Committee Meeting 5:00

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Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30

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Mission Committee Meeting 4:00

Wednesday Worship in the Garden 5:30

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Finance Committee Meeting 6:00

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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: 610623 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 04:00pm - 05:00pm Central IL Young Musicians Concert		
04 MONDAY	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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The voicemail system is not working at church. If you need to reach a staff member please email them.

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