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## THROUGH STAINED GLASS

### Happy May!

When I was growing up, May was my favorite month. Not only did it mark the end of the school year, but it also ushered in summer events. After school, I hurried through my homework, eager to get my baseball gear ready for practice. After practice, because it was still light out and I had finished my homework, my friends and I would meet to play wiffle ball in our field or to look for Morels in the woods.

School wasn't so bad in May. The final month brought field trips, longer recess, and outdoor field days, and my favorite, CLASS OUTSIDE! Sure, the days dragged on, but there was nothing like coming home from school and having the evening to play.

The month of May brought summer freedom!

May is an exciting month at 1PC. We will welcome three new members on the third, and on the thirty-first, we will confirm several of our students. Between these dates, there will be plenty of opportunities for us to connect, create, and discuss the nature of our lives. Pentecost is on Sunday, May 24, so be sure to wear shades of red, orange, and yellow.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month. I'm proud to serve as pastor of a church that prioritizes mental health. I celebrate the Hoffert family's mental wellness fund and its availability to members of 1PC for therapy and spiritual direction. As in years past, I invite you to consider contributing financially to our wellness fund throughout May. I'm also grateful for our ministry teams [Hearts, Hands, and Resources] collaborating to provide opportunities to educate, equip, and empower our understanding of mental wellness and advocacy. I'm glad to be part of a faith community that takes seriously the call to love God with all of who we are: heart, mind, body, and spirit!

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As May moves along, I invite you to consider your breath. Whether you're exercising, planting your garden, taking a nap, or simply being, pay attention to the rise and fall of your belly. This is a form of contemplative prayer. The Holy Spirit within us is the desire in all of us to keep connecting, relating, and communing. It isn't above us. It isn't beyond us—it is within us. It's as available as our breath, and that's why the Risen Christ gives the Holy Spirit by breathing upon the disciples. He's saying, in effect, "Here it is! Here it is! Can you breathe in what I have breathed out?"

May this month be one where we catch our collective breath. Let us trust the Spirit to fill in the gaps of our lives, connecting us to one another. Good news that the Spirit is everywhere to us!

See you at the Kirk House! And in town!

Adam



Be on the lookout for an exciting outreach opportunity!

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on April 14, 2026. Actions included:

- Election of Holly Thomas to serve as temporary Clerk of Session for Crissy Hoffert's baptism on April 19 during Cathy Maciariello's absence;
- Received and accepted the resignation of Andy Brant as Youth Outreach Coordinator effective April 30, 2026.

The Ministry of Resources Team, in cooperation with the Pastor, will consider hiring an intern for summer 2026 to oversee youth activities while they evaluate future plans to support our youth.

**Important Notes:** A reception honoring Crissy Hoffert's baptism will be held on April 19 following worship. On May 3, Israel Thomas and Tracy and Lewis Bergin will be welcomed into membership of First Presbyterian Church, and a reception will be held following worship. On May 31, confirmands will be celebrated during worship and with a reception afterward.

Session members continued their discussion of church growth and considered an opportunity to send a group to the Rural Ideas Conference (focused on small town ministries) at University of the Ozarks from June 24-26. They will follow up in the next few weeks to determine interest from the congregation.

Reports from the Pastor, Clerk, Ministry Teams and Treasurer were approved and accepted.

Clerk of Session, Cathy Maciariello



# Ministry of the Heart



Worship, Spiritual Formation, Fellowship

Chairpersons: Beth Green, Cherie Aper and Maggie Embery

Happy Spring from the Heart Team! It's nice to finally have some warmer weather. We have some upcoming events that you'll want to check out! On Sunday May 3rd we are excited to welcome new members Israel Thompson and Lewis and Tracy Bergin! We will celebrate them with punch and goodies after worship.

Then on Sunday, May 31st, we will celebrate our Confirmation Class during worship and again afterwards with more goodies! We hope you will join us in welcoming them all.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 21st for a night of Chair Yoga in the parlor at 7pm. This fun event is appropriate for all fitness levels and water will be provided. The class will be approximately 45 minutes in length. A sign up sheet will be available soon!

Pentecost is on Sunday, May 24. Don't forget to wear shades of red for worship that day.

Our annual Worship in the Park will be held on June 7th at the Kickapoo Park pavilion at the top of the hill. A potluck will follow worship with table service and chicken from IGA provided. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair if you'd like.

The Heart Team will be providing ice cream tokens from Top Hat on Mother's Day and Father's Day again this year.

We will be attending a Peoria Chiefs baseball game this summer on Wednesday, August 5. The game begins at 6:35 pm. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet and more information soon!

We'd love to have you join us in planning for worship and fellowship events!

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month!



Chrissy Hoffert was  
baptized Sunday April 19!



# Ministry of the Hands



*Called by God, sent by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we boldly serve our neighbors by embodying love, affirming diversity, advocating for justice, and nurturing God's compassionate community.*

The Ministry of the Hands Team met on April 7th and is scheduled to meet again on May 5th at 6:00 pm. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month in the CE building.

1<sup>st</sup> Pres participated in the collection of items for 50 Easter baskets for donation to the food pantry along with other area churches. The baskets were distributed prior to Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>).

We continue to discuss participation in Juneteenth and Pride activities. Please share any ideas or suggestions you may have to help 1<sup>st</sup> Pres be present for these important community events. If you are interested in planning and/or volunteering to help, the Hands team welcomes you!

We are not planning to have a booth at Juneteenth. MOH is hoping to share some ways our congregation can be present. Adam will be present. For Pride, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres will have a booth. The team is working on the giveaway we will have for our theme "Rainbow Reflections" and other ideas for what we will offer. T-shirts for volunteers are in the works, so more to come on how to get one! We will be looking for volunteers to help man our booth, so mark your calendars for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Pride will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will need help both before and after for set up and tear down.

The team decided to purchase a 1<sup>st</sup> Pres branded tablecloth for use at events. This will be available for any community events our congregation participates in.

The MOH team is looking to grow! Please join us at our next meeting if you would like to learn more about our team's activities. If you have any questions about the Hands team, feel free to ask Holly Thomas or Adam about our work!

We also welcome any ideas for our church to reach out in our community. If you know of any community events our church could participate in, the Hands team would love to hear how we can help!

Food pantry needs for May ~ Laundry Soap

# Food Pantry Newsletter

Lincoln Logan Food Pantry : Rick Releford & Norm Newhouse

Food Pantry News

We want to share important information regards food pantries in our community.

1. May 9, 2026, Letter Carriers Postal food drive, please leave non perishable food items in a bag near your mailbox for pickup.

Collected food items will be shared with Lincoln Logan food pantry, Salvation Army, Holy Family, and Jefferson Street food pantries.

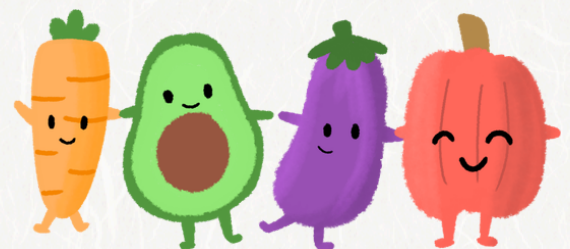
2. New Snap Work Requirements began February 1, 2026 for Illinois residents. Please review these details on the Illinois Department of Human Services website.

3. Job Ready Illinois website is a free online training program, providing valuable job search skills, and explore career path options.

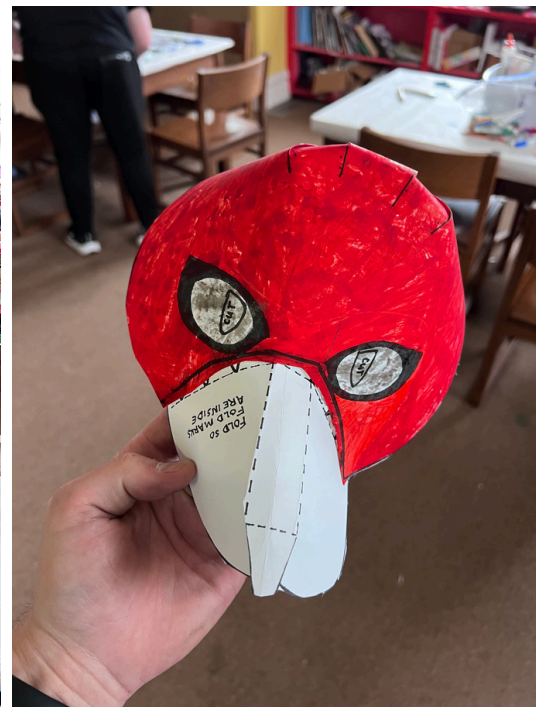
Thank you to Patti Schonauer-Becker of the United Way of Logan County, Illinois for keeping us informed regards the food assistance program.

Thank you to you for supporting our mission to provide nutrition to food insecure families.

Rick Releford  
Norm Newhouse  
Co-Managers  
Lincoln Logan Food Pantry.



# CENTER FOR CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY



**FOOD PANTRY NEED:  
LAUNDRY SOAP**

**MAY 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 a.m. Worship	4 10:00 a.m. Admin Meeting 6:00 p.m. Hands Meeting	5 3:00 p.m. Center	6 6:15 p.m. Kirk Night	7	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Worship	11	12 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Imo's 3:00 p.m. Center 6:00 p.m. Session	13 6:15 p.m. Kirk Night	14	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Worship	18	19 3:00 p.m. Center	20 6:15 p.m. Kirk Night	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Worship Pentecost Sunday Wear Red	25 6:00 p.m. Heart Meeting	26 3:00 p.m. Center	27 6:15 p.m. Kirk Night	28	29	30
31 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Confirmation /Reception						

# May WORSHIP NOTES

RULING ELDER IN CHARGE:  
CATHY MACIARIELLO  
DEACON IN CHARGE:  
CARRIE OSBORN

Sunday, May 3: The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sermon Text: Acts 7.55-60 & John 14.1-14  
Sermon Title: Making Sense of Unknowing  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Adam R. Quine  
Worship Assistant: Karen Sams-Davis  
Communion will be by intinction today.

Sunday, May 10: The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sermon Text: Acts 17.22-31 & John 14.15-21  
Sermon Title: The One Who is to Come  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Adam R. Quine  
Worship Assistant: Paul Kasa  
No communion today.

Sunday, May 17: The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sermon Text: Acts 1.6-14 & John 17.1-11  
Sermon Title: That We May be One  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Adam R. Quine  
Worship Assistant: Julie Kasa

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)  
Sermon Text: Acts 2.1-21 & John 20.19-23  
Sermon Title: God's Gifted People  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Adam R. Quine  
Worship Assistant: Marsha Dallas  
Communion will be by intinction.

Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday  
Sermon Text: Genesis & Matthew  
Sermon Title: The Call of the Confirmand  
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Adam R. Quine  
Worship Assistant: Adam Quine  
Communion will be by intinction.

# May

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## *Anniversaries*

2 Judy Rader

3 Carrie Osborn

5 Cheryl Aper

12 Andy Brant

15 Bernie DePuy

16 Skylar Young

20 Beth Green

22 Tommy Zinser

27 Kelsey Dallas

31 Martha Holland

31 Rebecca Kasa

3 Cathy & Doug Tiffany

11 Kevin & Linda Zinser

24 Curt & Sheila McCallister

26 Paul & Julie Kasa