



Volume 5/ May 2023

## Through Stained Glass: April Showers Bring May Flowers

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

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

Now that I'm older, the month of May still excites me. It is the month I get my hands dirty. I am not a master gardener, and though she didn't have that official title, my Grandma Barb lived by the rule that you don't put plants in the ground until Mother's Day. Usually, around that day, my mom visits, and we spend part of our time getting our hands dirty in the garden. I love that I remain connected to my Grandma through the discipline of gardening.

May is when I set up my patio. In years past, I spent many hours reading and writing for school as the night sky transitioned from blue to indigo to black. This year, I'll read and write for church and leisure! On May 19, I will graduate from Eden Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry in Practical Theology. You heard it here first – Adam will leave Eden on his own terms this time! [A copy of my research will be

placed in the library!]

The warm weather [I hope it comes] is what I look forward to the most in May. I am eager to take my kayak out and fish as often as possible. A goal of mine is to do more camping this year. Although solo camping with two dogs, one that's a puppy, doesn't seem relaxing! While I may not be in school any longer, I'll sign Brigid up for some classes, because I want to include her in my ministry. At the very least, Tecumseh and I will tire her out on the trails, hiking and exploring as many State Parks as possible!

May is also mental health awareness month. I'm proud to serve as pastor of a church prioritizing mental health. I celebrate our mental wellness fund established by the Hoeffert family and its availability to members of IPC 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 mental wellness understanding and advocacy. I'm glad to be a part of a faith community that takes seriously the call to love God with all of who we are: heart, mind, body, and spirit!

Goodness, I love the month of May. Kirk Night returns, we will celebrate our graduates, and let's not forget that the month ends with Pentecost Sunday. On this day, we will celebrate the breath of God filling our lungs, sanctuary, and gardens – blowing us towards creation, liberation, and resurrection – a life of wholeheartedness!

Adam

## MINISTRY OF OUR HANDS

Faithfully Submitted by:

Co-Chairs: Cathy Maciariello & Kelli Owens

During Lent, our congregation collected and delivered items for the Logan County Humane Society, Christian Child Care, Head Start, Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington, and Inner City Mission in Bloomington. The MOH Team thanks everyone who contributed to this Lent Giving project. We also collected books to give away at our table at the Juneteenth celebration this summer. We will continue to collect adult and children's books by and about African-Americans during May and June; you may leave books in the tub at the back of the Sanctuary.

Through its community education and engagement initiative, the MOH Team purchased a sponsorship of CAPCIL's "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" event on April 22 at the Lincoln Banquet Center. A total of twenty folks from First Presbyterian Church attended the event. It was a terrific demonstration of the church's support for this important organization, and a wonderful fellowship activity as well. Also in April, we purchased a sponsorship of the Logan County Pride Festival which will take place downtown on June 3. We encourage you to come out, visit our table, and show support for this event.

Through our direct contributions initiative, we made gifts totaling \$6,500 to the following organizations in April: Logan County Food Pantry, Community Action, and SIU Dental. In May, we will provide direct support of \$2,000 to Kemmerer Village.

Planning for the Summer Food Program is also underway, and First Presbyterian Church will once again participate in this important service.

### **THE CENTER FOR CREATIVITY & COMMUNITY**

Returning to a regular schedule after Spring Break always brings a different energy, reflecting seasonal changes. If I could give April one word,

it would be "collaborative." We saw students work creatively together, new adult faces in our mix, and even found ourselves engaging in focused art initiatives with a collaborative bent. We spent time outside on the sidewalks and getting curious about newborn flower heads pushing their way through soft earth. This, too, is collaborative. How we engage with care in our environmental community says something about how we participate in many aspects of our lives together. On Wednesday, April 19, the Center leadership team met for a semester review and to lay groundwork for summer/fall planning. The Center for Creativity and Community will celebrate their final gathering of the semester on Thursday May 11 with a party! Thanks to First Presbyterian Church for all your support and encouragement as we're wrapping up another successful semester!



### **FOREST BATHING ON SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

On Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 pm Adam will lead us in a forest bathing exercise at Kickapoo Park. Our time will include a fifteen-minute explanation of this wellness practice, followed by thirty minutes of bathing, and concluding with a fifteen-minute reflection. Our time together will include walking the easy trails at Kickapoo and no, you don't need bathing suits or towels. Adam will provide resources for those who wish to remain at the shelter and still participate in the exercise! If you have questions, contact Adam! [For real, we aren't *actually* bathing!]

## MINUTES FOR MISSION

It's time once again to start signing up volunteers for the Summer Food Program 2023 edition.

The First Presbyterian Church has been involved with this very worthwhile project since its inception in Lincoln in 2017. We are still partnering with Lincoln Elementary School District 27 and the Immanuel Lutheran Church and others too numerous to mention. We have provided literally 10s of thousands of good nutritious summer meals for anyone 18 and under, totally free of charge. The only way we can make this project work is with our dedicated volunteers.

The USDA, that funds the program, and the Illinois State School Board, which administers it here in Illinois, have not finalized their plans at this point regarding in house meals or pick up.

This decision will impact the number of sites and frequency of operations for Lincoln. We ask that at this point if you have any interest in participating, please sign up by either emailing me or completing the sign up sheet in the parlor. When we receive more information, we will finalize our plans and you will receive an email regarding the sign up website and scheduling. If your schedule at that point in time, does not allow you to sign up at that time there will be no hardship on our part. It is important to the program to know of anyone with even a passing interest at this point however.

My email and cell phone number are below to sign up or if you have questions.

Thank You

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**Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry donation focus  
for the month of May is  
Cleaning Supplies & Laundry Soap**

## MINISTRY OF THE HEART

Lovingly Submitted by:

Co-Chairs: Beth Green & Brittney Cosby

HAPPY SPRING!

Time to plan more gatherings together.

Please help the Heart Team choose things you would like to investigate together.

Tours in town or out of town presentations that you think friends might like to join can easily be a shared outing.

Please post these dates on your calendars with current details.

SUNDAY May 14st - Honor Mothers on Mothers Day at worship ... and those dear to you & made a difference in your life.

SUNDAY May 21st - Honoring All Graduates this year - Let Eliza know if you have a graduate so we don't miss special mention of graduates!

SUNDAY June 4th - Church In The Park - Kickapoo Park - far pavilion on the hill.

Potluck after worship — plates, service and water provided. Bring a large dish to share and dress casually. You can wear your walking shoes for a walk after lunch.

FRIDAYS June 9th and 23rd - Ladies Fellowship Nights— Look for the sign up sheet soon!

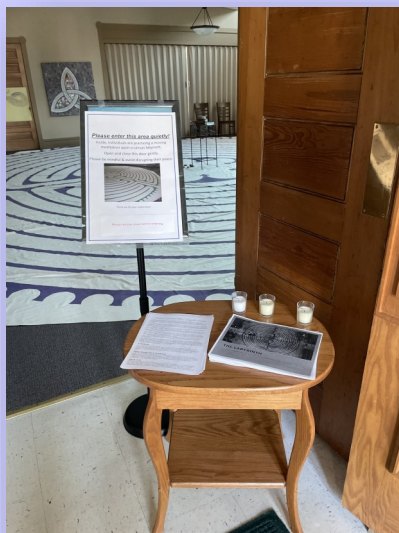
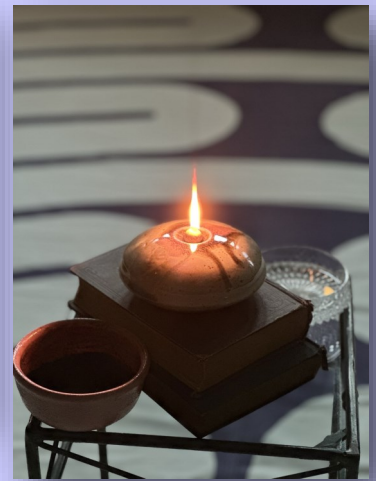
All are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, food and art. It is about the journey and fellowship together not the end result!

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by a journey of self expression through mixed media creativity.

Tuesday July 26 Chiefs Game - Peoria - Sign up with your friends in July.

It is always a good time to be together.





## The UNION CHURCH

Someone recently brought to the church office a postcard showing the old wood framed Presbyterian Church at Union Station (north of Lincoln on Nicholson Road about 8 ½ miles) in Eminence Township.

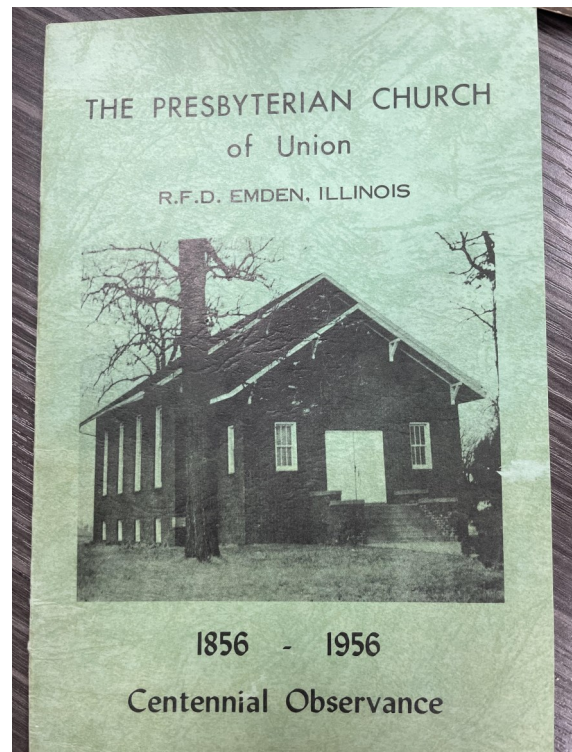
After a revival in 1856 led by Rev. Thornton K. Hedges, a congregation was formed in the Union area.\* Originally, it was started by individuals of various denominations, eventually becoming a Presbyterian congregation. The Union Church building was built by neighbors from hand hewn logs on ground deeded by Arthur and Henry Quisenberry in 1859. It should be noted that often students from Lincoln College preached and conducted worship services on Sunday mornings. At other times the Pastor of the Lincoln Presbyterian Church or the President of Lincoln College conducted worship services. Sunday School was always an important activity of the church as was the Bethel-Union Missionary Society. The members were the women of the Union Presbyterian Church and the Bethel Christian Church.

In 1925, the Church was renovated, with a brick exterior and a basement at a cost of \$6,000. This building is no longer a church, but it still stands and is in use as a private residence located near the old interurban station in Union.

The congregation of the Union Church united with the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln on January 9, 1966. The chapel of the First Presbyterian Church was named in honor of the Union Church and its members.

The 2007, *Our Church History*, a sesquicentennial history of our church contains more about the Presbyterian Church of Union. If you are interested in reading more on this subject you can find a copy in the Church Library.

\* In 1857 Rev. Hedges became the first Pastor of the Lincoln Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Cumberland and Old School Presbyterians merged in 1906 forming the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln.





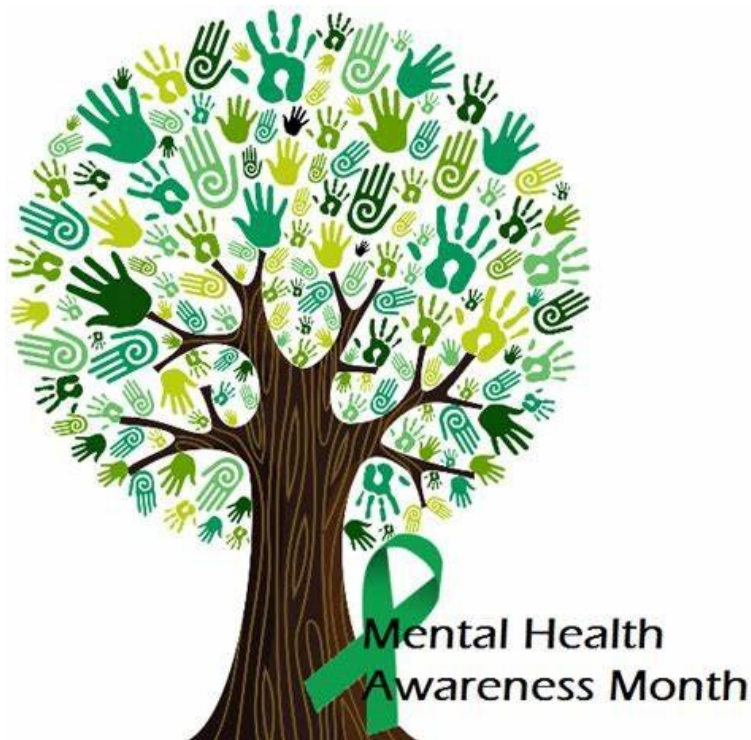
## Kirk Night MAY 2023

Kirk Night returns **on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:15 p.m.** Our time together is always conversational, encourages curiosity, and inspires creativity. May will hold a variety of topics. We will plan our summer conversations on our first night back. Then the following week, Adam will share his paper, "Re/Imagining a Missional Community: An Ethnographic Study of Congregational Intersection between Mission and Theology" in preparation for his presentation on May 17 at Eden Theological Seminary. With Adam away on the 17th, Cathy Maciariello will lead our discussion, reflecting on her retreat with modern-day mystic and writer John Philip Newell. On the 24th, we will explore the two Pentecost stories in Scripture while creating Pentecost-themed art. We will not gather on the 31st as we observe Memorial Day.

We welcome everyone to join us at Kirk Night. If there is a topic you would like to discuss at Kirk Night, let Adam know!

### Kirk Night Schedule for May 2023

- ◆ 3rd – Welcome Back & Planning for the Summer
- ◆ 10th – Adam Presents His Paper: Re/Imagining a Missional Community: An Ethnographic Study on the Intersection between Mission and Theology in a Local Parish
- ◆ 17th – Cathy Maciariello Reflects on her time with John Philip Newell
- ◆ 24th – Beginning with the Spirit – Pentecost & Creativity
- ◆ 31st – Memorial Day, NO KIRK NIGHT





Adam's Graduation will be  
streamed

May 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

[www.eden.edu](http://www.eden.edu)

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR LADIES

### *Fellowship* NIGHT

*An evening of fellowship, fun, food and art.*

Two night event.

June 6 & 23, 2023

6 p.m. CE Building

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by a journey of self  
expression through mixed media.

We will create an 8x10 canvas utilizing glass, paper and acrylic  
mediums. The event is free of charge and all are welcome to  
attend! A sign up sheet will be in the parlor.

It's about the journey not the end result!

Night 1 - Create, we will begin our art journey by starting the  
creative mixed media process.

Night 2 - Complete, we will put the finishing touches on the  
pieces after they have dried and prepare them to be displayed.

Thank you to FPC and Deacons for the beautiful pot of tulips at Easter Time.  
 I have so enjoyed them. Thank you also to the Deacons for the notes I receive from you all.  
 I feel so blessed to be a member of FPC with all of the friends I have there.  
 Thank you again - for the love, hugs and smiles.  
 Pat Diersing

# ONLINE *giving*

If you would like to **make a gift online**, please scan the QR code at the right for direct access to our website giving page ([www.preslincoln.org/give](http://www.preslincoln.org/give)).

Sunday's Worship Service will also be streamed on Facebook Live:



SCAN ME!

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