



# THE TOWER

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## MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>.



*Each May, we take time to remember and celebrate mothers and the nurturing women in our lives. Whether you spend a pleasant day pampering the matriarchs of the family or spend the day with memories of special moments you shared, we all have an opportunity to feel our mother's love in our hearts.*

*We hope that however you honor the women who have lovingly nurtured you, you will say a prayer of thanksgiving for them. This church is filled with amazing and loving mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and friends. We are grateful to all of them. **Happy Mother's Day!***

Our congregation is making progress in becoming fully vaccinated. When we return to in-person worship, we will still need to follow safety guidelines to be sure we keep the transmission rate low. In the meantime, please worship with us from your home through the internet, accessing the live-streamed and recorded services on YouTube. Please be in touch with the church office or with Pastor Lindsey, directly, if you have a prayer concern or good news you'd like to share. Links can be found on our website: [www.SpringfieldPresbyterian.org](http://www.SpringfieldPresbyterian.org)





WE ARE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILY! IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND PROVIDE MONTH AND DAY, AND WE'LL ADD YOU TO OUR LIST!

May 2 Anthony Farrand	May 18 Jake Jones
May 3 Ashley Wahlers	May 21 Steve Wichik
May 8 Wilma Brenn	May 22 Mary Pat Deane
May 10 Loretta Werner	May 25 Liliya Khobotkova
May 13 Amy Smith	May 27 Nylah-Rose Sarno
May 14 Emilia Bliss	May 29 Linda Donnelly
May 16 Nancy Hennessey	



*The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Ted Lyons**, who passed away on April 13, 2021. His late wife, Joan, had just passed in March.*

*Ted transferred to this church with Joan in 2015 and served this church as a Trustee. He was particularly interested in assisting with the Buildings and Grounds committee.*

*May both Ted and Joan be joined together again in the Kingdom of God. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Ted's daughter, Bonnie Ayers, 160 Saddle Crest Lane, Mount Airy, NC 27030.*



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MADELYNNE LINDSEY



April brings rain and May brings flowers. New beginnings bud around you and within you every day. You don't need to wait for a clean slate. God is in the business of making all things new. His healing brings restoration beyond understanding, no matter where you come from or what you've done.

**2 Corinthians 5:17:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

**Isaiah 43:18-19:** "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

It has been my experience that many churches wither and die because they are afraid to try new things. They are afraid to take risks necessary to do the master's will. Investing in new ministries may call for laying out some money to improve and to experience new technology. Rather than risk engaging in something new and exciting, they rather continue doing the same old things.

How can the church possibly grow and entice a younger generation of Christians, if the older generation is not willing to accept change? It does not make sense to be guardians of a building, a balanced budget, a tradition, or an endowment, but do nothing to attract others.

Jesus saw his ministry through the lens of his faithfulness of God. This led him to risky places and finally the cross. But he reached ultimate success in faithfulness to God. Faithfulness sometimes means taking a risk. God calls us to walk by faith and not by sight, there are times when congregations must take risks. A leap of faith is necessary to follow God's will.

This can be a frightening call, but those who are willing to take the risk will receive the commendation of the Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**



All active members who are college-bound or returning students wishing to apply for a part-time or full-time scholarship should contact Kristin Ruebling-Jass at (302)598-7188. Please submit your application before 5/21/21.

## **UPCOMING GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS**

Once again, we know graduations may be very different this year due to the pandemic, we'd like to celebrate all our graduates (Kindergarten, middle school, high school, college) in our June edition of the Tower Newsletter. If you have a graduate in your household, please send us a picture, name of school, and degree, if appropriate.

We need to share GOOD NEWS!

## **CONTACTING THE OFFICE AND PASTOR**

With limited staffing of the office, it may be necessary to call back or leave a message on the answering machine and await a return call. If you have a non-emergent matter to discuss with the Office Administrator or Treasurer, please contact them via e-mail when possible ([firstpcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:firstpcoffice@verizon.net)). If you wish to leave a telephone message, call 973-379-4320 then select the appropriate option and leave your message. Office staff will answer the phone weekdays from 9am-3pm. (closed Tuesdays). If the answering machine does not connect, please try your call later.

For all emergency Pastoral matters, please contact Pastor Lindsey directly.

Pastor Madelynne Lindsey can be reached at her personal email address:  
[madelynne\\_lindsey@yahoo.com](mailto:madelynne_lindsey@yahoo.com).

She can also be reached (by voice or by text) on her cell phone at: 973-714-0741.

## **OFFICER MEETINGS**

- Session will meet on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.
- The Deacon Meeting will be rescheduled in the near future.

## **50 YEAR + MEMBERS**

We are truly grateful for the longstanding members who have maintained their membership for over 50 years in this congregation. May God continue to bless this church with dedicated members such as these:

### **51 Year Member (1970)**

*Linda Maas*

### **52 Year Member (1969)**

*Ken Hendrix*

### **55Year Members (1966)**

*Donald Auer Debra Kensicki*

### **56Year Members (1965)**

*Beatrice Roth Jean Sim*

*Ronald Dubiel Gloria and Gary Southward*

### **58 Year Members (1963)**

*Yolanda Rueda*

### **59 Year Members (1962)**

*Linda Carlson Amiano*

### **60Year Members (1961)**

*Helmut Grimm*

### **61 Year Members (1960)**

*Marion Bridges Lois Peterson*

### **64 Year Members (1957)**

*Mary Pat Deane Doris Ziesmer*

### **65 Year Members (1956)**

*Carol Johannsen*

### **66 Year Members (1955)**

*Gene Schramm*

### **67 Year Members (1954)**

*Joan Stefany Robert Stefany*

### **81 Year Members (1939)**

*Jean Zabelski*



*Congratulations to Danielle and Daniel Priest on the arrival of their son, **Seamus Alfred Priest** (pronounced Shaymus) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:50pm. 9lbs 13oz & 22" long.*

*Seamus is the great-grandson of Christine Faraone, grandson to Lisa and Ken Guida and nephew to Melissa and Joel Bliss, Lauren, Jenna and Andrew Guida. He joins Emelia and Jack Bliss in the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of this loving family to worship together! God Bless Seamus and all who love him!*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY- May 23<sup>rd</sup>

The very first Pentecost was the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the early believers in Jesus Christ to form the church. It falls on May 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. The wearing of red on Pentecost Sunday symbolizes the Holy Spirit within us.



## MEMORIAL DAY – May 31<sup>st</sup>

On Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we remember our fallen heroes. Let us give thanks for all veterans, every day.

Check the town website for all information about town-led commemorations. This church has a long history of honoring our Veterans. We thank all who served and remember all who died while protecting our freedom. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



### THE AMERICAN'S CREED

by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



# A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

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"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

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