



# THE TOWER

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## **WELCOME, REV. ROBERTO FOIS!**

Pastor Roberto Fois (pronounced FWAH) will be joining Pastor Lindsey in the May 1, 2022 worship service and looks forward to meeting everyone during Fellowship Hour hosted by the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

If you have not attended in-person worship in a while, this is the perfect opportunity for you to get back into the routine!

Let's extend a warm welcome to "Pastor Roberto", as he wishes to be called, who is the new Associate Pastor for Outreach and Community Engagement.

## **MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>.**



*Blessings to all the mothers and loving women in our lives!*

*We hope that however you honor the women who have lovingly nurtured you, you will say a prayer of thanksgiving for them.*

*This congregation is filled with amazing mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and friends. We are grateful to all of them. **Happy Mother's Day!***

## **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: MAY 22, 2022**

The installation of new officers will be conducted during the worship service on May 22, 2022. Our sincere thanks to all Elders and Deacons who serve this church.



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 8 Wilma Brenn	May 21 Steve Wichik
May 10 Loretta Werner	May 22 Mary Pat Deane
May 13 Amy Smith	May 25 Liliya Khobotkova
May 14 Emilia Bliss	May 27 Nylah-Rose Sarno
May 16 Nancy Hennessey	May 29 Linda Donnelly



## **PRAYER'S CERTAIN PAYOFF**

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

—Missionary Wesley Duewel

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MADELYNNE LINDSEY



Greetings. He is risen! He is risen indeed! The fact that we declare that Jesus is risen should make us feel exuberant, but what does that mean to me or you? I see confirmation of the promise made to all those who truly follow Him that we too, will one day be resurrected to live forever as He now does.

God's power underlies Jesus' resurrection. If God has power over Jesus' life and death, he also has power over all life and death. God is the Creator of life and is sovereign over death. If he points an endorsing finger at Jesus, how can humanity doubt him? Now that Jesus is raised and seated at God's right hand, the mediating Ruler at the Father's side can pour out the blessing of God's Spirit (Acts 2:30-36). As the first ten chapters of Acts will make clear, the gospel can go to all because Jesus is Lord of all.

Do you truly believe that? I passionately believe in the risen Christ, and in the power and truth of His resurrection. And to believe in Christ as Lord is to believe in His teachings, to desire to follow Him, and to seek to *obey Him*. Jesus departed into the heaven from which he came. He did so not to leave us but to guide us, not to disappoint us but to intercede for us. He departed with a blessing. He departed to equip us. For those who know him, his blessing is always with us. So, we worship him with joy and serve him with gladness, continually blessing God for the gift of his Son. Thank God, He is risen, He is risen indeed! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**



Members wishing to apply for a part-time or full-time scholarship should contact Kristin Ruebling-Jass at (302)598-7188.

## **WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

If you have someone graduating this spring, we'd love to include them in our June edition. Be it Kindergarten or Graduate school, let's share the joy!

Send in your information (grade, degree, school name, etc.) to [firstpcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:firstpcoffice@verizon.net), and if you have a picture, all the better!

## **CONTACTING THE OFFICE AND PASTORS**

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.

To reach Pastor Roberto Fois, contact him via e-mail: [RFois@SpringfieldPresbyterian.org](mailto:RFois@SpringfieldPresbyterian.org)  
More information will be shared as becomes available.

## **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:

### **50 Year Member (1972)**

*Walter Peterson*

### **51 Year Member (1971)**

*Joan Doscher*

### **52 Year Member (1970)**

*Linda Maas*

### **56 Year Members (1966)**

*Donald Auer Debra Kensicki*

### **57 Year Members (1965)**

*Beatrice Roth Jean Sim*

*Ronald Dubiel Gloria and Gary Southward*

### **59 Year Members (1963)**

*Yolanda Rueda*

### **60 Year Members (1962)**

*Linda Carlson Amiano*

### **61 Year Members (1961)**

*Helmut Grimm*

### **62 Year Members (1960)**

*Marion Bridges Lois Peterson*

### **65 Year Members (1957)**

*Mary Pat Deane*

### **66 Year Members (1956)**

*Carol Johannsen*

### **67 Year Members (1955)**

*Gene Schramm*

### **68 Year Members (1954)**

*Joan Stefany Robert Stefany*

### **83 Year Members (1939)**

*Jean Zabelski*



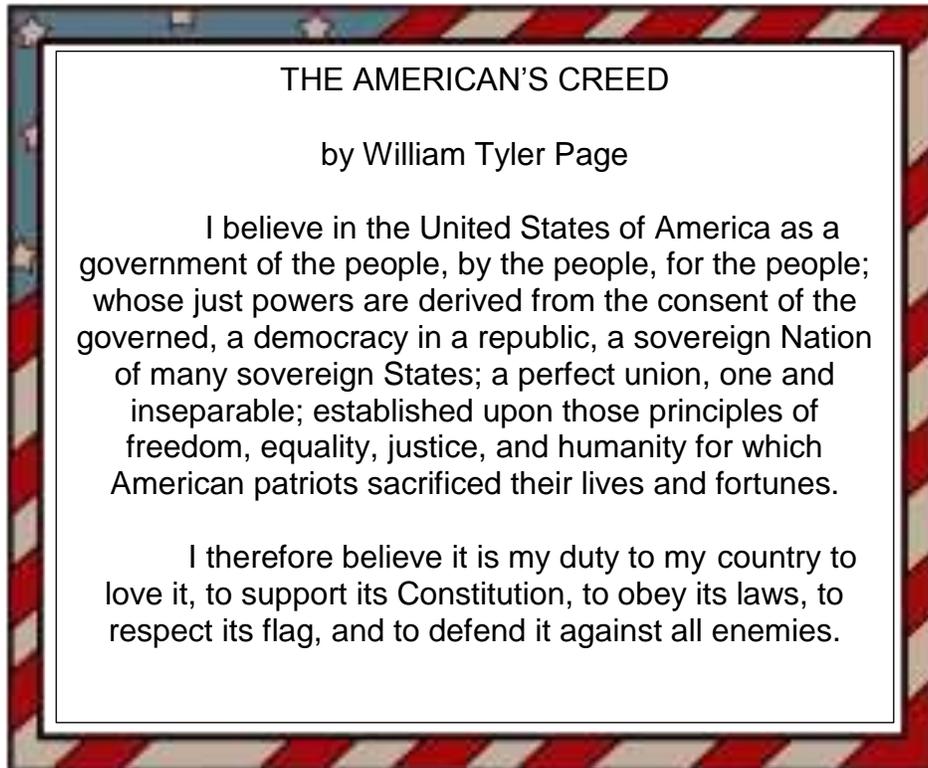
## **MEMORIAL DAY – May 30<sup>th</sup>**

On Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we remember our fallen heroes. Let us give thanks for all veterans, every day.

The Township of Springfield will conduct a ceremony at Veteran's Park at 10am followed by a parade down Mountain Avenue to the high school. Details can be found on the town website.

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!



### **WE REMEMBER**

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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