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May is the Pantry's Peanut Butter Drive. The Pantry's needs grow during the summer months when children are out of school . A jar or two of PB is included in every food bag given out in the months of June, July and August. Please bring in peanut butter and jelly. Thank you in advance for your generosity. The Food Pantry.



**Mother's Day is May 12th
Please celebrate with Mom at Third Pres Church**



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May 19th 9:00 Breakfast for All

May 5–6th Sunday of Easter
“V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!”

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

The Lord’s Supper

9:00 am Family Church

10:15 am Sanctuary Worship

May 12 - Ascension Sunday

“Loving and Overcoming”

Honoring Mothers and Others

Special Gift and Reception following worship

May 19 - Pentecost!

“More Love, More Power!”

Sunday School Promotion

Student, Graduate, and Teacher Recognition

9:00 am Breakfast and Activities

May 26— Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Remembrance

“Appreciating the Fullness of God”



- May 21 Rikk Lingelbach
- May 3 Myles Leber
- May 4 Mary Edwards
- May 5 Kenny Michaelis, Yesenia Flores
- May 6 Abby Rose Ponder, Royal Wurm
- May 8 Lillian Hanson, Noah Layng
- May 10 A’lisa Barbour,
Jacqueline Vandercreek
- May 11 Evan Archer, Alyce Lutzow
- May 13 Brandon Chiodini
- May 16 Ashley Hammer
- May 18 Joyce Pearse
- May 19 Kelly Smith
- May 20 Brian Hollenbeck, Hudson Insko
- May 24 Brad Facer
- May 25 Mary Hartshorn, Brandon Haven,
- May 26 Murray Hanson, Lewis Haven
- May 29 Lucas Peck
- May 31 Cindy Watton, Christine Cavin

Happy Anniversary 25+ years

Chris & Jody Minnier May 22



This and That



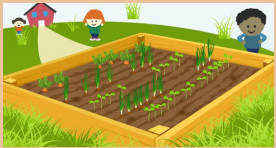
Please meet the newest members of Third Presbyterian Church Kathy and Jeff Rowland Kathy and Jeff have been married since November 1985.

Previous church they attended was Central Christian Church.

Their address is:
1000 Chamberlain St. APT. 507
Rockford IL.61107

Welcome, Jeff and Kathy!

Emily Monroe has begun practicing for Girls on the Run, a 5K for 4th & 5th grade girls from 18 different public and private Rockford Elementary schools. Last year Emily and her running buddy came in 50th place out of 261 girls and their buddies. Good luck Emily!!



Our Community Garden Come get your hands dirty!

We are in the process of planting the seven raised beds on the north side of the Brown Street parking lot. Would you like to help tend them? We offer the produce to church members and to the neighborhood when it is ready to be harvested.

Call or text Cindy Miner at 815-543-2070 or the church office at 815-962-7889 if you would like to lend a hand in bringing forth the abundance of God's good earth!

From Easter to Pentecost

"The Only Way to Learn is to Live"

By Pastor Steve

In his novel The Midnight Library, Matt Haig explores the universal human experiences of making choices and dealing with regrets. The protagonist, Nora Seed, is given an extraordinary opportunity to see what her life would have been like had she made different choices. As she steps into this opportunity she is able to gradually deal with a myriad of regrets that she has been carrying all of her life, and to release them. Having been shown a book that contains all of the regrets she has held, Nora learns to approach them in a way that makes them vanish from the page. And she experiences—relief.

Someone has said that regret is the one emotion that doesn't have a payoff. It simply holds us back. I picture regret as a form of trauma. Dealing with trauma takes time, the companionship of trusted relatives and friends, and learning to integrate the trauma into our lives as we move forward.

Following Jesus Christ does not shield us from the consequences of decisions we make. It does, by the power of the Holy Spirit, give us the resource of God's gracious forgiveness.

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit we cary, 'Abba, Father.'

Romans 8:15

Grace and peace, Pastor Steve

Celebration of Life



We acknowledge
The passing of a
longtime
Third Presbyterian
Church member,
Anna Winger.

Katie Malnor & Family had a wonderful time in Carmel, IN. viewing the Eclipse.



Family Worship 2024

FAMILY Worship SUNDAY

**Family Worship
Sunday, May 5th 9:00 am
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Third Presbyterian Scholarship Applications For the 2024-2025



School year are available. Please contact the Church Office or Cathy Logsdon. The deadline to submit is Sunday, June 2nd. The scholarships are open to active member youth and young adults pursuing college or technical school.

Moonlight Bowling Fundraiser Friday, May 3rd

Registration at 6:00pm, bowling starts at 7:00pm at Park Lanes Bowling Alley. Please contact Elizabeth Duckett or the sign up sheet in the church Fellowship room. Invite your friends it's a great way to have fun and support this year's Mission Trip!

Christian Education

Senior Recognition

May 19th at 10:15am
Worship Service.

Please let the Church Office know if you have a Senior you would like to recognize by May 1st. Please email the church at thirdpreschurch@yahoo.com a current picture of your senior, where they went to high school, Parent/parents names, and future plans.

Promotion Sunday **May 19, 2024**

9:00 AM All Church Breakfast, Everyone Welcome!

We will be recognizing our
Sunday School classes & awarding
Promotion Certificates .

10:15 AM in Worship

We will present Perfect
Attendance Awards,
Recognize Graduates and present God's Word
to 2nd Grade students.

Important VBS news 2024



Vacation Bible School "Breaker Beach"

Kids Ages 3-13yrs old
June 24th-28th 11am-2:30 pm.
Lunch will be served
Halsted Road Baptist Church,
3326 Halsted Rd, Rockford, IL. 61101
Register online at:
www.HalstedRoadBaptist.org



Third Presbyterian Church's Habitat for Humanity Team Work Day—Saturday May 18th

Plans are being made for folks from Third Presbyterian Church to take part in a Habitat for Humanity work day on Saturday, May 18th. We will be meeting at 643 Lamont Lane in Rockford at 9:00 am and run until 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. When you volunteer at Habitat for Humanity you are supporting your local community. Habitat helps Rockford create safe, stable homes for those in need. They also have a Critical Home Repair Program which helps homeowners with repairs to enable them to continue living in their homes long-term.

We would love for you to be part of the team, please sign up in the fellowship room.



Thank you from the Trustees!

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who took part in the Church Clean Up day on Sunday, April 21st. It was a huge success!!

Jeanne & Fred Fauerbach

Stacey & Sean Gray

Cindy & Fred Miner

Lori & Bryan Olson

Chris Minnier

Steve Frost

Leland Hoffman,

Mike Rimkus

Mike Adams

Amy Nance

Joshua

Glenda Hammer

Sue Gustafson

Laura Fowler

Nancy Justman

Pastor Steve



Camping Good Times
are Coming!

But... camps fill up quickly!
And the **extra \$15 early
registration discount
ends on May 19th.**

Did you turn in your
registration yet? For more
info contact Julie Leber
815-298-9305 or go to:
www.strongholdcenter.org.

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WTPB-LP on the Air and Online

WTPB Easy Listening Radio in May 2024

Last month in my article I shared how 99.3 FM is now in our 20th year of broadcasting 24 hours a day. This month I would like to note the incredible contributions of two volunteers who have been with the station from the beginning. Michael Hayden and John Radio Russell.

Michael has been our volunteer professional radio engineer for over 22 years. Michael worked with me to help get the station on the air in the years before we were ready to go on the air. He continues to offer technical advice and help with equipment upgrades.

Within months of going on the air, John Radio Russell, a longtime radio professional broadcaster, came and introduced himself and said he would like to volunteer to be part of the great music format that we had introduced. John has contributed to a great variety of programs over the years including interviews, news, and feature programs. For most of the years his nightly Midwest Ballroom program has been the anchor for our evenings, airing from 8 to 10 PM. Thank you, Michael, and John!

During May we will have specials on two themes: Mother's Day and Memorial Day. On Don Ferguson's Music from Broadway and Hollywood (Monday and Friday at 10 AM; Wednesday and Sunday at 4 PM) he will present these one-hour programs: Thoroughly Modern Millie; Applause; The Little Prince; Frank Sinatra Movie Songs; and Songs That Tell A Story Part 8.

Happy Listening, Friends, and Thanks for Listening!
Rev. Murray Hanson, Station Manager

Church News



We are collecting items for Rock House Kids please put items in the Rock House Kids container in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Wish List for RHK

- Flip Flops (all sizes)
- Disposable plastic Food Service Gloves
- Bottled Water (16 oz & 8 oz sizes)
- Disposable Coffee Cups (12 & 8 oz)
- Popsicle Sticks
- Plastic Table Cloths (rectangle)
- Craft Pom Poms
- Pipe Cleaners and Salt & Pepper set (5.25 oz)



Moms and Dads:

There will be no nursery or Sunday School available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Please attend worship with your children, activity bags are available in the back of the church. The C.E. Committee



All-Church Picnic
 Martin Park Shelter
 Sunday August 25th
 Noon-2 pm
 Picnic and Games
 Invite a friend!

Submarine Sandwiches

Bring a salad or dessert to pass.
 Bring your own tableware. & Lawn Chair.

We begin with prayer, enjoy eating in each other's company, and end with games (Bingo!) for all ages.

Sponsored by the Deacons
 Debbie Geisler, Moderator

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are actively engaged in building congregational vitality, in seeking to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty.

Church Life



Family Worship.



Women's Association Soup & Salad Luncheon



Thank you Elaine Jacoby & Greg Albert for the beautiful music.

In Pictures



Reception for new officers.



Easter Celebration!

