



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AT FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

SPRING 2023

Please join any or all of the following activities with us as we celebrate the spring theme of "Cherish the Living Earth".

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

SPRING BREAK! NO RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION. Activity packets will be available during worship. Children may also play during service in the Stearns Room.



SUNDAY, APRIL 23

CODMAN FARM! We are so excited about our visit to Codman Farm! Younger children (aged 0-5) are welcome in the Nursery with Debby, but all other children (ages 5 & up) can be dropped off at Codman Farm for a morning of fun with animals! We will tour the farm & see the spring baby animals! Caregivers may drop off at 9:30am and pick up at 11:30am. Children need to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Helpers: DJ & Brooke Mitchell, Ginger & Lucy Reiner

YOUTH PLANNING MEETING at 5:30pm. Join us as we plan for our teen-led worship service on May 14th! All teens are welcome- there is truly a role for everyone (big or small). Pizza will be served.

OWL at 7:00pm. 8th graders will be meeting in the Donaldson Room (Parish House) for our last full class of this season!



SATURDAY, APRIL 29

YOUTH TRIP TO HOUSEHOLD GOODS. As part of the emerging youth group here at FPL, teens are heading to Household Goods to volunteer together. We will meet in the Parish House parking lot at 12noon, & travel to Household Goods to help with whatever is needed. We may be carrying items to cars, cleaning furniture, or helping with drop-offs. We will return at 4:30pm for pick up. Helpers: Chris Andrysiak & Lora Venesy



SUNDAY, APRIL 30

SPRING FEST! Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and ride their bikes to church! Worship will be up the hill in the Parish House, where there will be a Blessing of the Bicycles! Afterward, children will head upstairs to make signs for the food drive and handheld streamers for the May Pole celebration after church on the lawn. The Nursery will be open for children 0-5. We hope everyone will stay for the May Pole and enjoy a picnic lunch on the lawn!

***NOTE:** Children may submit any artwork for our Children's Art Show (June 11) to the RE office starting in May (Deadline: June 1). Please make sure your name is on your art so we can return it after.



SUNDAY, MAY 7

SPRING FOOD DRIVE & PLANT-BASED POTLUCK. Bring a plant-based dish to share for a potluck to be held after church, as we continue to cherish our living Earth this spring! The Nursery will welcome younger children, while children aged 6 and up will meet in the parking lot at Donelan's Food Market in Lincoln. We will be collecting food donations for our local food pantry. Caregivers can drop off at 9:30 and pick up at 11:30am. Head back to the Parish House after, for the potluck lunch! Helpers: Thornton Ring



THURSDAY, MAY 11

PARENT INFO SESSION FOR 5th GRADE OWL. 7:30- 8:30pm. In the Parish House. Parents & caregivers interested in signing their 5th graders up for Our Whole Lives (sexuality education program) are invited to hear more about this program that will be offered here in the fall.



SUNDAY, MAY 14

CELEBRATION SUNDAY! All are invited to attend a youth-led service in the Sanctuary! Our teens will be sharing music and reflections based on a "Mother Earth" theme. The Nursery will welcome all children aged 0-5, while all others are encouraged to stay in service on this special day.

*Note: We will announce our beneficiary of our "Be the Change" coin collection!



SUNDAY, MAY 21

GARDEN DAY. Children will begin up the hill today, where we will prepare our garden and plant seeds! It's going to be a dirty day, so don't wear your Sunday best! We will plant things like pumpkins, & look forward to harvesting them later for Halloween!



SUNDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. NO RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION. Activity packets will be available for children who attend worship.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

FAMILY GAME/CRAFT NIGHT. 5-7pm. In the Donaldson room in the Parish House. This is a "drop off" event, where children will be dropped off in the Parish House for a fun evening of pizza, popsicles, crafts and games, while parents gather on the deck behind the Stearns Room down the hill for a cookout and adult time! Suggested donation- \$10.00.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

PRIDE CELEBRATION. Wear your rainbow colors! The Nursery will be open for children ages 0-5 in the Parish House. Others will begin in the Sanctuary, & form a mini pride parade after the TFAA, heading up the hill for a story & Pride project. Stephen Brand will also help children make a very special gift.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11

APPRECIATION SUNDAY. We have so much to be grateful for! Please stop by the Parish House before church to enjoy some breakfast to thank our amazing team of religious exploration volunteers! We will also host the opening of our Children's Art Show and do some tie-dying for summer!

At 3:30pm, we will celebrate with the installation of our Ministers, Kit and Nate! Childcare will be available. It is truly a day for celebration and appreciation!



For more information about children and youth programs at First Parish Lincoln, call 781-259-8118 or email lora@fplincn.org.

