

# What's Happening at



# Springfield First

A UNITED METHODIST FAITH COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 23, 2021

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please join us in thanking our amazing pastors!

Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called Clergy Appreciation Month) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry. They grounded the celebration in Paul's words to Timothy: "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17).

### LifeVision 200

By the end of 2026, we dream of the day when Springfield First is multiplying disciples, bringing compassion, and sharing the hope of Jesus with the Springfield community and beyond.

Pray for 5 · Invite 3 · Bring 1

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Springfield First has adopted McClernand elementary school in our community. This means that we are in partnership and ministry with them to impact not only the school but the neighborhood around the school. Like last year, McClernand hosted a trunk or treat event for the neighborhood on Halloween. This year they are doing the same. Not only do we need volunteers to help with the trunk or treat event on Halloween; but we also need people to help pack treat bags to give out at that event. Treat bags will be packed on Sunday, October 24, immediately after the 9:00am and 10:45am worship services. Materials will be provided.

## DEATHS

Please hold in prayer the families of:

Brian Peirsma 10/5  
Joy Sexton 10/7

## Senior Ministries GALA - OCTOBER 29

The Senior Ministry's annual Senior Gala will be held on Friday, October 29, in the CLC at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$25. This year features a variety of uplifting and enjoyable numbers brought to us by Deb Watts Elliot and the Wattsies. Contact Carli Burton at [cburton@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:cburton@springfieldfirst.org) for more information.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

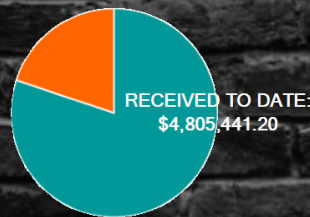
Have you been through G6 but not the New Member Class? Come to our New Member class on October 27, and become a member of Springfield First. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Sweeney at [ssweeney@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:ssweeney@springfieldfirst.org).

Thank you for giving to the mission and ministry of Springfield First!

## COURAGEOUS

### GENEROSITY UPDATE

December 2019–September 2021



2-YEAR GOAL: \$6 MILLION

BUILDING DEBT: \$2,031,259

### KidLife



Saturday, October 30  
2:00-4:00pm

If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, we recommend kid-friendly decorated trunks and costumes. Contact Kacey Belitsos at [kbelitsos@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:kbelitsos@springfieldfirst.org) for more information.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

District Superintendent Bradley Watkins, will preside over the 2021 Sangamon River District Charge Conference at Springfield First. The evening begins at 7:00pm and includes representatives from several other local United Methodist churches. Members present are asked to vote on several items which include a review of the mission and ministry of the churches, receiving of reports, and adopting objectives and goals recommended by the church councils. Refreshments will be served after the Conference.

Our website is packed with helpful information! Check it out at [www.springfieldfirst.org](http://www.springfieldfirst.org). You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFUMC>.

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9:00am Contemporary • 10:45am Traditional