

CHURCH CHAT

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day to honor the men and women who gave their life fighting for our country.

2021 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$42.03 per person. Remember this should NOT be included in your check for regular offering because it goes into a dedicated fund.
Thank you



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS



The Soup Kitchen received donations in memory of Bob Sipress from Joyce Bond. Donations were also received from Mark Reshan and Michigan City Exchange Club

The Memorial Fund received donations in memory of Judy Ringo from Mary Steider

Thank you for your kindness!

CHILDREN IN NEED FLOWER CHART

There are still days available in the following months:

July, August, and October

If interested in a day, please call Diane at the office for the available days.

Thank you, Penny Russell

Soup Kitchen

We have continued our food service throughout the pandemic, never missing a day! Thank you for your continued donations to the Soup Kitchen Fund. Our expenses have increased substantially, due to the cost of carryout boxes and bottled water.

As always, more help is needed. Cooks and volunteers are working with masks, distancing, and all safety precautions, as they prepare about 140 to-go meals per day. If you can offer assistance please call Sue Ransom (219 809-8482). If you can't help on a Saturday, there are openings for volunteers every week day, so please HELP.

Food of the Month

Bottled Water

The Northwest Indiana Mutual Aid Initiative will connect our donations with individuals at the downtown emergency soup kitchen here in Michigan City, as well as host "pop-up events" throughout the Spring and Summer in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties, where they will connect community members to these donations. See Insert

Mission Messages, Spring Edition 2021

First Presbyterian has received many messages of gratitude for our congregation's generosity during the COVID year. In the face of many challenges, our giving to a variety of mission projects remained robust. Donations were given to Sharing Meadows, the Soup Kitchen, Cathy Chang, SERRV, and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, among others. Our 'Links of Love' chain is growing longer as we share God's love worldwide.

Pentecost Offering

This special offering of the PC(USA) is a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our share of this offering will help fund Dunebrook's Safe Church training and certification for our youth workers and volunteers.

And now introducing ----- **The Food Task Force**

Much of our local mission efforts involve food - food preparation, food storage, food distribution, food delivery. This all adds up to a lot of packing, unpacking, carrying, lifting and just plain schlepping. Right now, all this work is being done by two or three people. They could really use some HELP! This would involve short-term commitments of an hour or two on any given project.

Here are just a few of the tasks that need some helping hands:

- Receive and unload deliveries of food from Food Bank (every 4-6 weeks) and food rescue groups (usually weekly).
- Pack and deliver emergency food boxes to neighbors (as needed)
- Help our dear Blanche - "Carte Blanche" - fill Blanche's shopping cart with surplus items from our pantry to share with members of our congregation (weekly)
- Identify and contact families in need, and offer help.

If you can help fight hunger in our community, PLEASE sign up. Sheets will be posted in the church, or call Janice Casper (219 204-0494) or Debbie Langley (219 874-6326) for more information.

Watch this space for - **Mission Cafe - Sharing Food for the Soul** - details coming soon!

WEDNESDAY CIRCLE

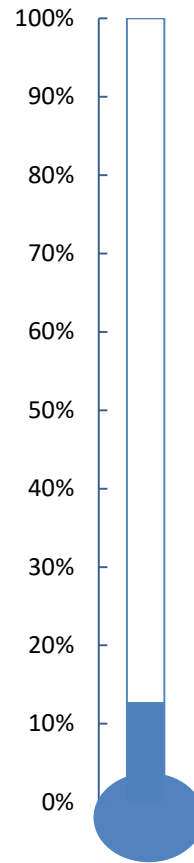
ANNUAL JUNE "PICNIC"

will be held on June 9th at 1:00pm

at Janice Casper's home

Phone calls with details will be made in the near future

CELEBRATE!



AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED 13% OF OUR GOAL

To begin the celebration of the 150th birthday of First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City, we are excited to launch our 150-150-150 stewardship celebration plan.

- Goal: to raise \$22,500.00 to ensure a fully funded budget (since a deficit is forecasted for 2021)
- Plan: 150 church members contribute \$150.00 over and above their pledge or regular giving. \$150.00 is approximately a tithe of the most recent government \$1400.00 stimulus check.
- Deadline to contribute is June 30, 2021

Please direct your check to the office or use the PayPal link. Be sure to indicate in the memo or in an email (dyettaw@fpcmicity.org) that your contribution is for the 150-150-150. Each week, the progress toward the goal for 150-150-150 will be reported in the bulletin and through email, text, social media, and on the church website (www.fpcmicity.org)