

CHURCH CHAT

IN PERSON AND OUTSIDE,
these are our dates for VBS:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
July 20, 21, and 22 at 6:00pm-7:30pm

Exact location TBD

Snacks will be provided but NO dinner

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



Fund received donation from Steven & Janet Melnyk and from Mark Reshan.



Janet

Thank you for your kindness!

MASKS

Although the CDC has determined that masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO WEAR A MASK
AND CONTINUE TO OBSERVE DISTANCING**

in order to assure that those who cannot be or have not been vaccinated are safe and feel comfortable when they worship with us.

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 or contact Penny Russell. Thank you

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.

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.

PW NEWS

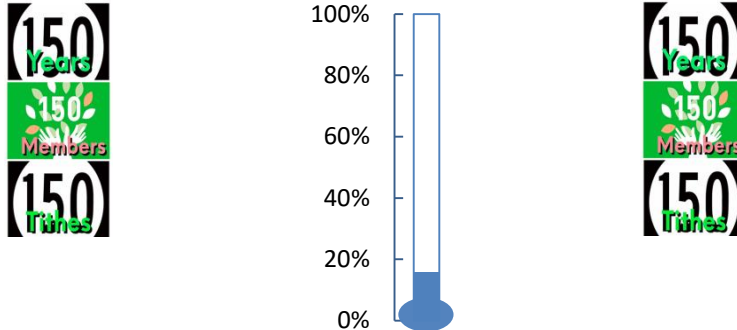
September 11, 2021 will be the All-Circles Bible Study Meeting at the church. Pastor Ericka will lead us in the first lesson of our new study. What My Grandmother's Taught Me. Bring a sack lunch.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Michigan City, invites children ages 4-11 (or just completed 5th grade) to join us at our Vacation Bible School program, *God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does the Impossible, July 26-30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at 1237 E. Coolspring Ave, Michigan City (at the corner of Woodland & Coolspring Aves.)*. At *God's Wonder Lab*, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. "He has done marvelous things!" -Psalm 98:1 Our enrollment is limited to 50 students this year so that we can follow pandemic safety guidelines, and pre-registration is required. You can register online at immanuelmc.com and click on the VBS box, or call the office at 872-4419. One form is needed for EACH child. Questions, contact Tricia Kuiken, Secretary, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Avenue Michigan City, IN 46360. (219) 872-4419 www.immanuelmc.com

FOOTLIGHT PLAYERS, INC. Present Alice's Heavenly Folly fundraiser last performance is today at 2:00pm Written and directed by Laura & Lee Myer. Featuring Penny Russell, Diana Hirsch, Danielle Bilderback, Molly Caplice, Noel Carlson, Kathy Chase, Adrianna and Tom Ledonne and Chris West. Tickets are \$15.00. Reservations by calling 219-874-4035

Meals on Wheels, LaPorte County is in need of volunteers. For more information, please contact them at 219-872-9117 or 219-369-6483. More information is available at www.laportecountymealsonwheels.org or by emailing them at lpcow@laportecountymealsonwheels.org

CELEBRATE!



AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED 16% 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)