

CHURCH CHAT

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

MASKS

The COVID team of the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City have made the decision that masks are required at all times while you are in the building, even if you are fully vaccinated.

**FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE WEAR A MASK
AND CONTINUE TO
OBSERVE DISTANCING**

We would like for all to feel safe and comfortable when they worship with us.
Thank You

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New Member classes will be held on Sundays August 29th and September 5 at 9am in the Library. If you are interested in joining the congregation, please contact our Pastor, Ericka Kilbourne, through email erickapk@fpcmicity.org, on the office phone (219) 879-4501, or even send her a text (219) 380-6566.



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

No donations were received this week.



CHILDREN IN NEED FLOWER CHART

We still have October 24th. If interested in a day, please call Diane at the office for the available days or contact Penny Russell. Thank you

PW NEWS September 11, 2021 at 10:00am 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.

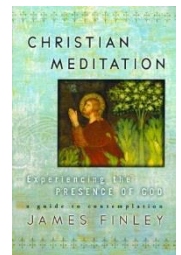
MEDITATION FELLOWSHIP

Do you want to meditate but you don't know how? Is your life confused? Is your prayer life non-existent or noisy? Do you want to become closer to Christ?

Christian Meditation is an ancient tradition brought into the new church. To begin our study in meditation, we begin on our knees as Christ taught us to meditate when we pray. To meditate is to enter the mind of Christ in freely choosing to realize our oneness with the Christ the Word's oneness with the Father. Meditation practice is a way of opening ourselves to this graced realization of this oneness with God that is the very person that we are. Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am starting August 18th

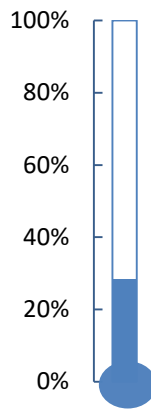
. Come dressed comfortably.

Rev. Kevin Patterson, Order of St. Luke



LIVE AT FIVE" Worship Service

Starting again on August 29th in the sanctuary
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ericka



AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED 28% OF OUR GOAL

To **carry on** the celebration of the 150th birthday of First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City, we are **continuing** our 150-150-150 stewardship celebration plan.

- ✓ Goal: to raise \$22,500 to ensure a fully funded budget, since a deficit is forecasted for 2021.
- ✓ Plan: 150 church members contribute \$150 over and above their pledge or regular giving.
- ✓ Deadline: We continue to welcome any additional payments (in any amount) you wish to make throughout 2021.
- ✓ As of today, we have received 33 donations towards our goal.

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)



I just wanted to let the congregation know that I have completed and graduated from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley’s Ministry Formation Program on Saturday, August 21st! Most do not probably know it by that name, but it’s the presbytery’s Lay Pastor / Commissioned Ruling Elder course. Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to travel and break bread with one another at Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, but we celebrated and worshiped with each other over Zoom. It was incredibly joyful! We were also joined by two special guests: MFP graduate CRE Mike Munson and Coordinating Council Moderator Rev. Lucia Oerter.

As we were unable to celebrate in-person, Donna Enersen (the dean of the program) and Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis (the Visioning and Connecting Leader of the Presbytery) sent everyone who completed the program beautiful green stoles as a graduation gift! We then were blessed and sent out into the world to share the life-giving news of the gospel.

This is the culmination of 2 years of study and coursework: Biblical Exegesis: 1) Old Testament, 2) New Testament, 3) The Psalms; 4) Reformed Confessions and Theology, 5) Presbyterian Polity and 6) Understanding Congregations.

Peace and Grace, Rylie Thornton

Our September Curriculum has an Adult Reflection Guide!

Please use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6> (This can also be found on Facebook) or scan this bar code:



Reserve by Sunday, August 29th to guarantee your guide by Sept 12th's start date.

Want more information? Read below!

The Adult Reflection Guide is a workbook or journal for adults that allows for self-guided study of the practice. This guide engages adults through study, reflection questions, space for writing or drawing, and suggestions for practicing the practice. Included in this piece is the foundational essay, which dives even deeper into the biblical scholarship of each practice. This piece works well for individual study or for small group study.

Following Jesus is something all of us are called to do every day of our lives. Following Jesus is an invitation to discipleship, an ongoing practice that we accept again and again. This unit studies mostly New Testament passages from the Bible, asking what it means when we choose to follow Jesus with every decision we make. Learn how following Jesus translates to loving God and neighbor and bearing witness to God's love and justice in our everyday world. Let this practice become the lens through which you see the world as you explore this unit, Follow Jesus.



September Sunday School and Sermon Series

Starting September 12, 2021

Adults—9 a.m. Library and Online

Children—After the sermon (approx. 10:35) - 11:30 a.m. Upstairs

Topics:

Sept 12th—Jesus is Calling! - John 1:35-50

Sept 19th—Follow Jesus Together—Ephesians 4:11-16

Sept 26th—God's Lens of Love—Matthew 22: 34-40

Oct 3rd - Come and See! Go and Tell! - Matthew 28:16-20

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY DAY



August 02	Rachel Langley
August 02	Delores Newman
August 02	Deborah Schlene
August 03	Alexandria Koepke
August 04	JoAnn Callegari
August 07	Bill Carlisle
August 07	Nadia Hoffman
August 07	Ann Sweeney
August 08	Kyle-Pierre Nfr
August 09	Diane Hack
August 09	Johanna Miller
August 12	Carol Garrett
August 14	Kristin Gornstein
August 14	Jill Redfield
August 16	Darold Gieser, Sr
August 17	Alan Mussmann
August 17	Karl Roessler
August 18	Hailey Redding
August 25	Randy Pals
August 25	Joanne Thorne
August 26	Tessa Lawrence
August 28	Heidi Leach
September 01	Alice Yacullo
September 02	Pat Bracken
September 02	Elizabeth Choate
September 02	Stephanie Livingston Nfr