

# CHURCH CHAT

## 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.

## 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

## PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Ericka is on vacation and unavailable from Thursday, August 5, 2021 through Saturday, August 21, 2021. If you or someone you know needs Pastoral care during her absence, please contact Alice Yacullo at 219-393-9262, she will get you in touch with the Pastor on call.

## CHILDREN IN NEED FLOWER CHART

There are still days available in the following days:  
August 29th, and October 24th If interested in a day, please call Diane at the office for the available days or contact Penny Russell. Thank you

## 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.

### **Tweens**

3rd-6th Grade  
August 14th  
10:30- 1:30



### **Mission Month Soup Kitchen**

Set-up \* Serve \* Clean-up

Invite Your Friends!

Note extended time to complete mission

Lunch provided so please let us know you're coming!

Call First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City

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Connecting to God \* Connecting to Community \* Connecting to others

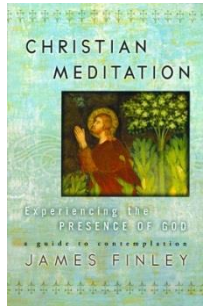
**MEALS ON WHEELS, LAPORTE COUNTY** is in need of volunteers. For more information, please contact them at 219-872-9117 or 219-369-6483. More information is available at [www.laportecountymealsonwheels.org](http://www.laportecountymealsonwheels.org) or by emailing them at [lpcomow@laportecountymealsonwheels.org](mailto:lpcomow@laportecountymealsonwheels.org)

### **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 18<sup>th</sup>  
. Come dressed comfortably.

Rev. Kevin Patterson, Order of St. Luke



## **EXTENDED ENDING DATE**



## **CELEBRATE!**

### **AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED 27% 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 you wish to make throughout 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](mailto: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](http://www.fpcmicity.org))

### **MEMORIALS/DONATIONS**

No donations were received this week.

