

MASKS

The Session, by recommendation of the COVID response team of the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City has 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

HERE WE GO AGAIN.....

Just as many of us were becoming comfortable with hosting family get-togethers, returning to work or rejoining the gym, a new variant of the coronavirus is creating fresh uncertainty. Not knowing what's in store with Omicron can take us back to other turbulent times during the pandemic, when confusion was a regular part of life.

Wear your mask, get your vaccine, and stay home if you're not feeling well. Let science not Facebook dictate your decisions.

Dina Gasaway, RN
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December 01 Ree Labaj
December 02 Andrew Grove
December 06 Jerry Jackson
December 09 Dylana Crowder
December 11 Marge Winfield
December 12 Anne Lute
December 13 Bernard Scott
December 14 Michele Bartels
December 14 Jason McDaniel
December 17 Micah Spiece

December 18 Norma Whybrew
December 20 Peggy McAnally
December 20 Pamela Krueger
December 23 Andy Casper
December 24 Jason Blank
December 25 Jesus Christ
December 26 Alexis Day
December 28 Laurie Wilson

ALL CALENDARS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Please notice the holiday schedule for the office on the calendars. Due to the holidays, the bulletin will be finished and printed on Wednesdays. Therefore, if you need to have an article in the church chat or any part of the bulletin, it must be furnished to Diane Yettaw before 10am on Wednesdays. The dates will go back to normal after the holidays.

Thank you. Have a blessed holiday season.

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. **You payment MUST be received in the office no later than December 29th to be included in your 2021 statement.** Thank you

GIVING STATEMENT

If we have your email on file, you should have received a giving statement as of December 2, 2021. This is to allow you to see where you are on your pledge. A final giving statement for 2021 will be emailed in January 2022. If we do not have your email on file, a printed copy will be available at the church. Any questions, please contact the Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant in the church office

150 Year Celebration Trivia

Symbols on Our Celtic Cross

At the Top

A crown with seven stars is the symbol of the Sovereignty given to Christ by the Father after the ascension into heaven. (Isaiah 60:1-3, 14)

At the Left

God's Sovereignty in the atonement is depicted by the crown and three nails.

At the Center

The natal star and monogram for Christ (Chi Rho-Christus Rex—Christ the King) are symbols of God's loving Sovereignty in the gift of a Savior.



CELEBRATE!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the **150 members, 150 dollars, 150 years** challenge! Your contribution has already helped us to avoid a larger shortfall! For those of you who haven't already participated, you still have time! Please continue to contribute to this challenge through mid-December. Our shortfall is \$20,000.00 as of the end of September. With your participation, this could be smaller! We could even end the year with no shortfall! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



We have started our 2nd Unit --Hope --just in time for Advent. This unit will go through December 19th. We will then take a few weeks break, and then start our third unit on January 9th --Welcome All. This unit will go through the end of January. Adults, don't forget to order your January Reflection Guide if you choose to use it. They are \$8.00 and the last day to order is TODAY, December 12th (Early due to the holidays) Once received, an email will be sent to you regarding pickup and payment (if you haven't already paid).

Please use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6> or scan this bar code:



Christmas Joy Offering:

Supporting Past, Present, and Future Leaders

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

ENVELOPES ARE ON THE USHER'S TABLE

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS



The SOUP KITCHEN fund received a donation from Mark Reshan and one from Becky Lockett.

The GENERAL FUND received a donation in memory of Barb Holdcraft from David & Connie Crama, Rudy & Gloria Adams & Dirk, Matt, Ranelle, Joshua, and Marie Chenex, Jeremy and Stacie Crama, Damon & Beth Powers, and Darin & Dinah Powers.

The GENERAL FUND received a donation in memory of Bill Winfield from his sister, Janet & her husband, Gary Root

Thank you for your kindness!

THE 12TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL AT FIRST UMC

Come One, Come All to our Merry Hall as we celebrate the 12th annual Madrigal at First UMC. This year we will offer a Madrigal Concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 12, TODAY, at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The proceeds of a free will offering will go to help support the soup kitchen. Come and join the merriment and the lovely music by community musicians. Masks will be required.

Pecans See Connie McKeague

Connie is taking orders for pecans. If you would like a one lb. package for \$11.00, please contact her. Delivery will be until December 14th. Any questions, contact Connie McKeague.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

USHER HAS ORDER FORMS

Order your poinsettia in memory and/or in honor of a loved one this Christmas Season. Cost per plant is \$12.00. When you purchase a poinsettia, we will include your name and the name(s) in whose memory or honor the donation is made in our Christmas bulletin.

Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mail to: Attn: Diane Yettaw, 121 W. Ninth Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 or place in the offering plate. TODAY, December 12, is the DEADLINE for ordering poinsettias.

Thank you
Worship & Music



Please mark your calendar! The new performance schedule will be:
Saturday, December 18 at 7:00pm Concert
Sunday, December 19 at 3:00pm Concert
Both at Holdcraft Performing Arts Center.

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Prayer Chain



For prayer requests
Contact Brian Spiece at
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[Link to schedule appointment with Pastor Ericka:](#)

<https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09>

YouTube - First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

Facebook - First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

WiFi password: 1holyGod!

