

**The office will be closed:**

December 23 through December 28  
December 31 through January 4th, 2022  
Wishing all a Safe Holiday Season  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**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  
Clinical Supervisor  
Beacon Health System  
Beacon Medical Group-LaPorte



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Right

The butterfly and rising sun are early Christian symbols of the resurrection and the most awesome example of God's Sovereignty.

#### At the Bottom

A symbol of the Sovereignty of God in the creation, based on the medieval concept of the elements of earth, air, fire and water as used here are earth, air, star and water.

In addition, a tree is used to represent living things and the fruit speaks of the on-going procreation. This symbol also contains man's response to God. "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water..." (Psalm 1:3)



## 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 until 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 12<sup>th</sup> (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/HnAUDV7gcvygyEhU6> or scan this bar code:**



*Wishes for a blessed  
Holiday Season*



## 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**

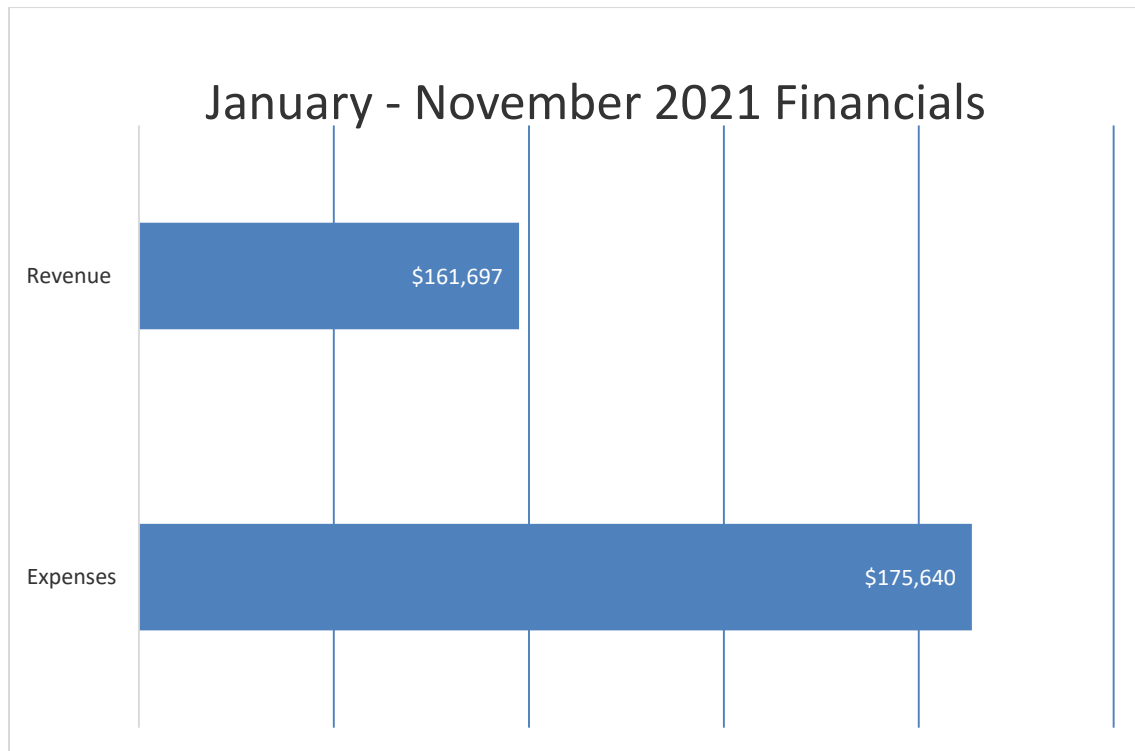
### **MEMORIALS/DONATIONS**

The **SOUP KITCHEN** fund received a donation from Bonnie Lee Hoke and one from Linda Skaggs in memory of Leo Bunner.



The **MEMORIAL FUND** received a donation in memory of Barb Holdcraft from Arnold & Gail Bos.  
Thank you for your kindness!

## **FINANCIALS**



Today is the last performance  
Sunday, December 19 at 3:00pm Concert  
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!

