

# CHURCH CHAT

## FOR APRIL 17, 2022

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### **Summer Camp 2022** **Geneva Center, Rochester, Indiana**

June 13-15 (1st-3rd, You and Me\*)  
(Pastor Ericka is a volunteer counselor for the 1st-3rd camp, New Beginnings)

June 13-18 (4th-5th)

June 20-22 (You and Me\*)

June 20-25 (6th-8th grade, Music and Drama)

June 27-July 2 (Middle school/high school, sports and recreation)

\*You and Me Camp is for children 5 years and older and an adult (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.)

### **Learn More About Camp**

- April 24, 2-5 (ET) at Geneva Center, in Rochester
- May 1, 11:30-12:15 after church, in the Edith Boyd Lounge



### **OGHS and Gracie Fish Banks**

Thank you for your generosity! These important offerings help us to share God's love and help to our neighbors in need, throughout the world. It's never too late to give - give early, give often! And thank you again.



### **HEY KIDS- IT'S HIPPIITY HOPPITY TIME**

- WE MADE IT...Hope you brought your baskets and SUPERSONIC vision to HUNT!!
  - The Egg Hunt will happen immediately after today's Worship Service.
    - Meet inside by the garden doors for instructions.
      - HAVE A FUN TIME!!!

### **150 Year Celebration Trivia**

Why is Easter celebrated on different dates each year?

After heated debate between the bishops at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, the decision was made when to celebrate Easter and have it coincide with Passover (which is when Jesus celebrated his last supper with his disciples). The date for Passover (the Jewish holiday commemorating God's rescuing the Israelites from Egypt) is set to coincide with the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, the first full moon after the vernal equinox. In 2022 the vernal (or spring) equinox was on March 20.

### **Green Clean Thank You**

The Outreach Committee would like to thank a hearty group of 17 adults and 12 kids with Jennifer Casper's youth group for bearing the frigid weather last Saturday to help clean up our Church neighborhood as a part of the Michigan City Green Clean project. Twenty bags of garbage were collected (along with a blanket, a sign, and a few pieces of lumber). We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and hard work in helping make our Church home a beautiful place to be.

### *Upcoming*



### *Events for Next Week*

- ✚ **April 18 Office Closed in observance of Easter holiday**
- ✚ April 18 -25 Pastor off
- ✚ April 19 6:30pm Elisabeth Circle in library
- ✚ April 21 12:30pm PEO Chap BA in EBL/library
- ✚ April 22 Office Closed, Pastor off
- ✚ April 23 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest preacher Alice Yacullo)
- ✚ **April 25 11:30 am office will close for luncheon hosted by Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home**



Attention all you “bees” out there: After a 2-year hibernation, the bees are scheduled to start exercising, laughing, and praying on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Edith Boyd Lounge, beginning May 3, until July 21, when we break until the fall session. If you are a new person wanting to join, contact Lois or Alice.



### FROM THE DEACONS: HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO ATTEND

We hope you were able to join us for a *coffee, donut-hole and juice social gathering* this morning before worship in the Edith Boyd lounge.



Dear FPCMC members and friends,

As we journey through COVID-19, locally and globally, all of you energize my faith and hope that whether in sickness or in health—indeed we: *welcome, worship, celebrate, serve*—together with our God; our Hope. Until Sunday, April 17—a **congregational health and wellness survey** will be distributed. Forms will be available at the usher station. Also, an e-mailed version of the survey will be sent for anyone subscribed through our electronic communication program “Text In Church” for participants who wish to respond online soon. Please turn in your completed assessments before or after worship to me in the coming weeks. All of the gathered responses will be very helpful as to discerning the next and future steps of our health ministry.

*“Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.” —Luke 9:1-2*

Thank you~

Jose Soto, coordinator

<https://www.ohiohealth.com/siteassets/about-us/health-ministry/congregational-health-ministry-survey.pdf>

### Easter Offering

This year our offering will fund two very worthy causes. Half will be given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, our mission coworkers in the Philippines. They faithfully continue their difficult struggle against human trafficking in the Asian Pacific region. The remainder of the offering will be used here in Michigan City, via the PATH program of the Swanson Center. The PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) program offers support for homeless individuals impacted with a serious mental illness and/or addictions. Services through the PATH program include outreach, case management, assistance with entitlements, and referrals to mental health and addiction services. The PATH program also provides linkage to partner agencies for assistance with housing, primary care, and employment.



### MEMORIALS/DONATIONS



NO DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED LAST WEEK  
Thank you for your thoughts and kindness!

## SESSION UPDATES

As you may have noticed, during the pandemic, it's been a little challenging to update the congregation concerning Session's news, as most of our news was being relayed as regular congregation news. Now that we seem to be getting back to a somewhat normal schedule, I would like to start including the session updates once a month to give you an idea of what is happening in session.

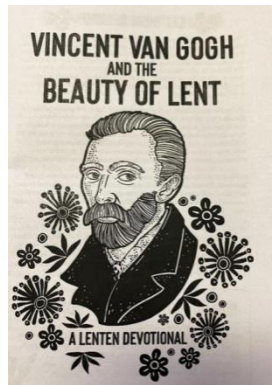
We just had a special meeting Wednesday, 3/30/22 and here are some updates:

- #1. Session has voted to roll back most of the COVID protocol which was needed to safeguard against contracting the virus. Now that almost everyone has been vaccinated and the CDC has loosened their regulations, we decided that we could be a little looser with our regulations. We want to let people know that though we are making masks optional, **please do not feel uncomfortable wearing a mask if you choose to do so**. We want everyone to feel comfortable and use their own safety precautions.
- #2. We have approved the use of our parking lot for a group called Paladin, for a fundraiser on June 24th from 4:30pm to 7pm. More information to follow on that fundraiser/ scavenger hunt.
- #3. Session has voted to allow repairs on our elevator and will be applying for a grant to pay for as much of the repairs as allowed. Other money will have to be raised to pay for the remainder of the repairs. More on that at a later date.
- #4. Session approved the hiring of Aria Keith as the second nursery attendant. Aria is a very competent, smart and knowledgeable babysitter and we are lucky to have her work and sit for the children.

That's it for now .... stay tuned for more updates next month!

Your Clerk of Session,  
Laura Kittle

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



If you would like a paper copy or a digital copy, please email [dyettaw@fpcmicity.org](mailto:dyettaw@fpcmicity.org) or call (219) 879-4501, so that the devotional can either be printed for you or emailed to you. All who request or receive a devotional will also be sent the usage, printing, and assembly instructions, and also links to the Van Gogh paintings.

### EASTER SUNDAY

<https://www.vangoghmuseum.nl/en/collection/s0149v1962>

## ADULT CURRICULUM GUIDES

### TIME TO GET YOUR ORDER SUBMITTED

. The guides "Live in Community" (June) and "Honor Gods Diversity" (July) are ready to be ordered. The **last day** to place your order for these two guides is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. When you place your order, please either go to PayPal to make your payment or to pay by check you can mail it, put in Sunday's offering plate or drop it off at the office. If paying by cash you **MUST** have exact change, we do not have a way to make change.

We will post when the guides are in and are ready for pick up.

Please use the link below to place your order, if you care to have one or contact Diane Yettaw in the office.

**In the future, please use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy** <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcvgxYEHU6>  
(This can also be found on Facebook) or scan this bar code:





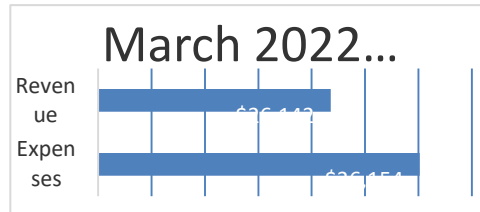
Children in Need flowers still have some dates to fill and would like to fill them soon:

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 14<sup>th</sup> October 16<sup>th</sup>

The cost is \$35.00. The money goes into the Children In Need Fund, which is used to help families to pay things like water bills, NIPSCO, etc. To qualify for these funds, there must be children living in the home. We have other dates later in the year and will post them when it gets closer to those dates. Any questions contact the office or speak with Penny Russell. Thank you

## 2022 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2022 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



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## Prayer Chain



For prayer requests  
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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!

