

CHURCH CHAT

FOR APRIL 24, 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

150 Year Celebration Trivia

Easter is not over! In fact, it has just begun! That's why the paraments are still white. Jesus was on earth for 40 days after his Resurrection until he ascended, as recorded in the first chapter of Acts. Easter lasts until Pentecost (10 days later) when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. (That will be June 5 this year)



- ✚ April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest preacher Alice Yacullo)
- ✚ **April 25 at 11:30 am office will close for luncheon hosted by Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home**
- ✚ April 25 Pastor Ericka off
- ✚ April 26 at 5:30-6:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting in the Undercroft
- ✚ April 27 9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS
- ✚ April 27 10 a.m. piano will be tuned
- ✚ April 29 Office Closed, Pastor Available by appointment
- ✚ April 30 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ May 1 at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Communion Sunday)



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.



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>

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

Your Clerk of Session,

Laura Kittle

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 15th**. 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:

July, 24th and 31st August 14th October 16th

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



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS



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

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

2022 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

This year's birthday offering will be collected on May 8, 2022. The monies collected will be distributed as follows:

- \$80,000 collected goes to McCleary House Transitional Housing in Farmington, Maine.
- \$105,000 of the collected monies will be awarded to the Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico to improve their kitchen to enable them to feed the hungry.

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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!