

CHURCH CHAT FOR NOVEMBER 06, 2022

“ANY OR ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION”



- ✚ November 06-9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ November 06-10 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- ✚ November 07-Pastor Off
- ✚ November 08-10-11 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ November 09-12:30 p.m. Wednesday Circle Meeting
- ✚ November 09-6:30 p.m. MOPS
- ✚ November 10-10-11 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ November 11- Office Closed, Pastor Ericka available by appointment
- ✚ November 12-11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen IN HOUSE
- ✚ November 13-9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ November 13-10 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

THANK OFFERING

November 13, 2022 is Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Sunday. \$7,000 will go to Tree of Life Church PC (USA) in Springfield, PA. The Community Cup Coffeehouse provides a space for adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers to feel welcome and encouraged to grow in friendship, leadership and faith. The Thank Offering grant will fund the use of the building, gifts for musicians, activity costs and food for a year. If you have questions, please contact Carol Garrett.

HELP WANTED

Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed with love and prayer? Will you encourage him or her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Do you remember saying that you would at the time the child was baptized? One of the best ways to fulfill this promise is to teach Sunday school. We are in need of teachers. We have a curriculum that makes it easy and if you want to teach with someone else, you can work in teams. Please contact Barbara Vinson if you are interested. Thank you.

Gratitude Marketplace 2022

November 6, and November 13

Visit the alternative giving **Marketplace** and be inspired by creative ways to share your blessings this holiday season. There are so many ways to help!

- Our overflowing **Blessing Boxes** will be distributed before Thanksgiving. Sign up to buy groceries if you love to shop. And your donations to the **Thanksgiving Offering** will help purchase perishables for families in need.
- Start your holiday shopping early! Check the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog** to find a truly meaningful gift for friends or family. We have Gift Cards to honor your donation. And add your name to our Links of Love.
- Order exquisite crafts from **SERRV**, and provide employment for struggling communities worldwide. You will also help to *Elevate Our Welcome* when you shop fair trade at SERRV International! Shop online with this link www.serrv.org/?a=1stPresMission, and we'll earn 20% of your purchase. FREE SHIPPING November 7-21 on orders over \$50.

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

We want YOU! Volunteers are needed on the second and third Saturdays of the month to help with this vital mission. Bring your family, bring your friends, and feed the hungry of our community.

Talk to Sue Ransom - 219 561-1877

SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5TH

11:30-12:40 = inside dining only

12:40 = dining room closes

12:40-1:00 = carry-outs only

PLEASE NOTE:

1. No carry-outs available until 12:40
2. Carry-outs may NOT be eaten in the dining room

Inside dining and carry-outs---

Use the parking lot entrance at the rear of the church, and follow the signs.

2023 ONLINE PLEDGE FORM

The following link is made available for those who would like to enter their 2023 pledge online. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to complete the form. We will also be printing forms for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

<https://forms.gle/72QL9QWYZdLxZbmi8>



NOTE FROM CLERK OF SESSION

Dear Congregation Members,

The Session Elders met last Wednesday, October 26th in the evening. Here are some updates that were discussed during the meeting:

* The MOPS group started collaboration with the Elizabeth Circle to help with the soup kitchen. Thanks ladies!

* The 'hanging of the greens' will happen on November 27th. All hands are needed to help decorate the church.

* We are still missing the choir bells. If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of the bells, please contact a session member or Pastor Ericka.

* Christian Education needs teachers for next year, starting in January. Please volunteer and contact Barb Vinson.

* Blessing boxes (for thanksgiving) will be distributed to those in need. Gift cards and desserts are a welcome donation.

* Gratitude Marketplace and Christmas Joy are two fundraisers from the Mission Committee that need your support.

* There will be no 'Night in Bethlehem' this year, still worried about COVID concerns.

* The LaPorte County Health Dept. will be using a room in the church building on the 3rd Friday of each month, starting on 12/16/22. The hours are 11:30am to 3:30pm.

* Session approved the sale of Mary Ann Pals's paintings; with 1/2 the proceeds to go toward the elevator fund campaign. Thank you Mary Ann!

* Elders Barb Vinson & Janice Casper volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee this year.

* Session approved that our congregation is an open and affirming congregation to all, which includes, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender, and Queer, and the countless affirmative ways in which people self-identify. (This is a shortened version of the approved statement).

We will meet again the third Wednesday of November (11/16/22).

Thank you all for your support of our Session members.

God bless,

Laura Kittle, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church Elevator Fund Campaign

ELEVATE OUR WELCOME”

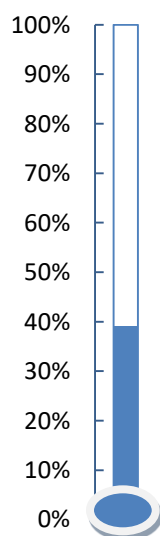
Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. If you prefer to pledge online, please use the following QR code:



We hope to have all pledges turned in by December 2022 to enable us to budget accordingly. Payments can be made until May 2024.

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%) **CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED** \$9,970.00 (6.7%)
GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$59,970.00 (40%) All pledge amounts are welcome. Your pledge can be for two years (Until May 2024)



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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](https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09)

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