

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HIGHLAND



THE LARGER VIEW



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Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On recent Sunday afternoons I have been spending some time in our church's garden. Its beauty and peacefulness are testaments to God's masterful work and to the ongoing dedication of our garden people--in short to the constant partnership between God and humans in the dance of creation. God creates, and we take care of that creation. The garden inspires me to worship and to fulfill my part in taking care of God's creation with the gifts God has given me (unfortunately not including a green thumb). By the way, we are always looking for more garden people if you would like to join! As we approach our planned reopening on July 12, we are considering the possibility of worshiping outside near that very garden or in another space on the church's grounds. Public health guidelines indicate that gathering outside is much safer than doing so inside. If weather prohibits outdoor worship, then we will have extensive measures in place to make sure that our sanctuary is as safe as possible for worship. We will be in touch prior to July 12 to make sure that all of you are aware of how we are going to do things. As always, thank you for your patience, grace, and support throughout this season!

First Presbyterian Church
of Highland
8727 Delaware Street
Highland, IN 46322



***The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Highland
is to be
the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ***

We have all been experiencing a lot of change and uncertainty over the past several months. My prayer is that the results have been and will continue to be personal and communal transformation as well as increased faith. I certainly have hope in the transformation of our society and of the Church. Faithful people have taken to the streets to proclaim the truth that Black lives matter and to dismantle our national sin of white supremacy with power and grace. Faithful people have created policy platforms, organized at grassroots levels, and built new coalitions to build up something more akin to the Kingdom of God for which we strive. Our denomination has elected an Indigenous American woman (Elona Street-Stewart) and Black American man (Gregory Bentley) as the co-moderators of our 224th General Assembly. There are so many reasons for us to continue to have hope!

I myself have been experiencing change and uncertainty as well. I recently discerned that it was time for me to resign my position as a mental health therapist in the shelter I have been working at in Chicago. The environment changed drastically with the pandemic, and there was a sharp drop in the number of children being served. I was sitting in an empty office rather than putting my gifts to use, so I decided that the time had come. My plan is to take a bit of time to recuperate and discern what is next in my bi-vocational life. I ask for your prayers in this discernment season. I will certainly keep you updated.

Remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

In Christ,

Rev. Tyler Orem



SESSION SHORTS

- Session extended our opening date to July 12, 2020. We have asked our Deacons to call their clusters. We have listened to the concerns of the congregation about when they would feel safe in returning to Worship.
- Masks and spacing have become part of our normal lifestyles, as have washing hands and avoiding large confined places. We will make these things part of the church's lifestyle during this pandemic as well. We will explore the possibility of worshipping outside as weather permits. If weather does not permit, then we will follow strict mitigation measures inside. We will be providing hand sanitizer and requiring those attending worship to wear their masks. We ask that you bring your own masks. We also ask that you donate cleaning wipes and other sanitation supplies.
- There is a detailed explanation of our opening procedure available on request.
- We also discussed recent movements for dismantling white supremacy and re-creating society to have true racial justice. Please check out our Facebook page for denominational resources on taking part in this important work faithfully. If you have ideas on how our congregation can be better engaged in this work, please reach out to members of Session or Pastor Tyler.



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of
May 31, 2020

	Month of May	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$8,429.20	\$10,553.00	\$63,730.17
Operating Expenses	9,113.62	13,424.00	58,452.04
Excess (Deficit)	(\$684.42)		\$5,278.13



Gift given in the month of June to the Endowment Fund include:

In Memory of: Marlys Furnas

This gift was given by the following donor:

Linda Skaggs

A Gift was given:

To the Food Pantry by Christine Small

To the Ministry of Mission by Arletta Schaefer in Memory of Marlys Furnas

To the Choir by Arletta Schaefer in Memory of Murray Faris



Food Pantries, Food Banks, Meals that are offered in the area

Catholic Family Services - Hammond, Munster and Highland residents

6919 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, IN

Ms. Joanne Pivarnick

(219) 844-4883

Rent, mortgage, NIPSCO and food pantry.

Family Christian Center

340 W. 45th Street, Munster, IN 46321

Pastor Steve Munsey

work (219) 838-2295

cell (219) 688-3356

Operation Care provides food boxes and clothing at 1300 N. Broad Street in Griffith 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays. Back entrance distribution only.

First Presbyterian Church

8727 Delaware Highland, IN 46322

FPCH@FPCHighland.org

(219) 838-6850

Food Pantry from 8 a.m. to noon Monday thru Thursday; Drive up sack lunch meal Saturdays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Greater Hammond Community Services

824 Hoffman Street, Hammond, IN 46327

(219) 932-4800

Energy and NIPSCO assistance, food and clothing pantry.

Love In The Name of Christ

aka Love INC. of Greater Hammond

P.O. Box 557, Griffith, IN 46319

Anne Bawinkel – Executive Director

(219) 923-2775

Furniture, household linens, personal care/hygiene products, diapers/ wipes, household cleaning products, cooking/dining items and food.

If you need help, call LOVE INC to begin the helping process. A trained volunteer will complete your intake over the phone. This will take about 30 to 40 minutes. They will review the nature, extent and legitimacy of your request. LOVE INC is not a same-day service and they do not assist with rent or utility bills. Must be legal residents of Hammond, Munster, Highland or Griffith. There is no fee.

Office hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Voice-mail may be left if lines are busy or if the office is closed.

North Township Trustee's Office – Frank J. Mrvan

5947 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320

(219) 932-2530

2105 Broadway, East Chicago, IN 46312

(219) 398-2435

Provides food and household item assistance through application process.

St. James Food Pantry

924-4220

Rev. Keith M. Virus

9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN 46322

St. John Bosco Church, Rev. Richard Orlinski

844-9027

7113 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324

Food distribution once a month (Columbia Center). Clothing give-a-way in the month of July. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets during the holidays (Columbia Center).



Food Pantries, Food Banks, Meals that are offered in the area Cont'd

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen
5304 Hohman Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320-1808

932-0059

St Timothy's Episcopal Church
1115 N. Cline Ave., Griffith, IN 46319

838-8379

Food pantry open on the third Sat. of every month from 10-12. No preregistration necessary

Salvation Army, Janet Charleston
8225 Columbia Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46321
Rent/Mortgage Assistance, Utilities, Clothing and Food assistance
We will consider any request and reply on a case by case

838-0380

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
7132 Arizona Avenue, Hammond, IN 46323
Coordinator Diane McKern
(219) 933-0100

Provides temporary emergency assistance to help people in need.

Food pantries open year round. Also provides financial assistance for utilities, rent, mortgage, water, medicine, etc.

United Way
(219) 980-1777

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

June Shelter Report

We are still observing caution when cooking for the shelter due to the corona virus.

We prepared the meal for 40 clients who live in the shelter and they eat it inside. Then we make about 20 box lunches for the non-residents who come by and help themselves.

We have been very fortunate to receive a lot of fruits, meats, cheese, butter and other assorted items from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church of Griffith. This has indeed helped our budget and given our recipients a much wider assortment of items to enjoy. I want to thank them for their generosity in sharing extra items with us.

We had the good fortune of having 2 of my nurse friends assist with the meal preparation again this month. They along with the usual 3 Musketeers: Jamie, Judy and I were able to get the meals out in record time. We then have our loyal transport team, John Toren and Jeff Savage who come and do all the heavy lifting up the stairs and packing the cars since Judy and I are getting up in years!!!!

I thank one and all for the time and effort put into this Mission project.

Cheryl Steen





Blessing Box

Our Blessing Box has gained even more importance in this season of pandemic. Economic impacts are on the rise, and the most vulnerable in our midst are the most harmed. Please continue to place items in the Blessing Box and take items if you are a person in need! Items most commonly donated: Canned goods with pull tabs, socks, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, small snacks, toiletries, baby wipes and diapers.



Memorial Service

The Memorial Service for Barb Dye will be on Saturday, July 18th.

SUNDAY MORNING REVERIE

*I wake on Sunday mornings
with a warm and happy glow.
Because I'll sit in fellowship
with Christian friends I know.*

*Someone will greet me at the door
and smile and welcome me,
to come and sit an hour with God
in His own Sanctuary.*

*I'll listen to the organ
as it plays the tune I love,
and bow my head in silent prayer
and praise my Lord above.*

*I'll thank Him for the week just past,
for sun and wind and rain.
I'll ask for His forgiveness
when I'm cross, and I complain.*

*Relaxed, I'll listen to the choir
as their voices sweetly blend;
Hear the Word as it is spoken,
feel my ragged edges mend.*

*On any Sunday morning
there's no place I'd rather be
than sitting here, in perfect peace,
absorbing God's serenity.*

~Dorothy Gauler Hayman



REMINDER TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please be mindful that even in your absence, your place here will be cooled, lit and the water will still be flowing. Our church relies solely on the pledges and generosity of our members and friends to operate.

Please give prayerful consideration to keeping your pledges and contributions current because your church's expenses continue, even when your schedule does not permit your attendance in worship.



**The Per Capita PER member is
\$42.00 for 2020**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Mary Jo McGee
8	Grace Helmer
10	Kelly LaFlech
	Jake Toren
11	Marilyn Shuck
	Elwyn Studer
22	Dakotah Olah
24	Lee Ann Cheesebrough
26	Paul Nicholls
28	Jim Wilson
30	Nancy O'Donnell
31	Tom Porter



Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Marlys Furnas on her death May 26th



Ongoing Prayers



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

Beth (Casiano)
 Bob Abernethy
 Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner's son
 Alaina (Callaway)
 Marge Ashton
 Avery
 Bapst Family (Callaway)
 Betsy (Rev. Tyler)
 Curtis Black
 Brady (Rev. Tyler)
 Sonny Buono
 Carol Callaway
 Ina Chappell
 I Sun Chong (Oprea)
 Danielle
 Dave
 Don Dekker
 Ruth Dekker
 Laura Buono Domsic
 George Griner
 Guy (B. Perryman)
 Gracie Helmer
 Bill Holmes
 Daniel Litwicki (Catania)
 Frank (K. Scott)
 Family of Marlys Furnas
 Family of Murray Faris
 Jessica (Abernethy)
 Josh (Rev. Tyler)
 Mildred (B. Perryman)
 Jill Muller (Steen)
 Jeanne Nestor
 Karen (Casiano)

Mary & Gary (T. Oprea)
 Rev. Tyler Orem
 MaryAnn Reed Rena's cousin
 Rodney (J. Toren)
 Calvin Scott
 Sebastian (Casiano)
 Richard Simmons (B. Morton)
 Jay Smith
 Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
 Steve & Melinda
 Gary Studer
 Tarsha (Perryman)
 Richard Terpstra
 Dennis VanKooten
 Mattie Welch (Rena Martinez)
 Cindy Waltz Family

 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.
 Thank you!

 • We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.

- We pray for our country.
- We pray for first responders and front-line medical workers who are risking their lives for our health
- We pray for the health and safety of our service men and women as we pray for an end to the wars that put them at risk
- We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.
- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).