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**Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God**

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### **Outreach Team Collecting Hygiene Kits**

Church World Service (CWS) is one of the organizations that responds to natural and human disasters around the world, around the year. We like to help stock their response supplies. When floods contaminate the water and everything you own is contaminated, the gift of a washcloth, soap and a toothbrush is priceless. We help CWS collect those kinds of things together into a "Hygiene Kit" which can be stored, then instantly shipped where needed.

Our goal is to be able to put together 100 kits on "Service Sunday" September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be collecting the supplies the month of August. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board the month of August to make sure we gather enough of each item on the list.



The CWS Hygiene Kit now includes travel-sized shampoo, deodorant, lotion, and toothpaste, making it more practical for people on the move or in temporary shelters. These updates ensure the kits meet immediate needs with greater care and relevance.

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- Washcloth
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Toothbrush (in original packing)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)



### Elder Reflection

Stewardship is an ongoing issue for the Church, one that we discuss - either too much, during the weekly invitation to giving, or too little, by only occasionally running a fall stewardship campaign. Some members of the congregation want to hear less, and others want to hear more. Pastor Mike succeeds in doing what most of us want on the issue,

most of the time. His invitation to giving is always founded in the Scripture, usually in the words of Christ.



Our response by giving is an individual or a family reaction to the nudge we feel during our times when we hear the call to give. Is the nudge one that invites us to mission work, providing help to our neighbors in the community or around the world? Is the nudge a desire to care for our pastor and staff? Is the nudge an obligation to maintain and improve the church property, and keep the lights and air conditioning on?

As chair of the stewardship team, I pledge that we will continue this discussion later this year. I invite us all to spend a few moments each time we hear the invitation for giving to see if there is a nudge to do more. After all we are supporting the Lord's work, whatever our response is to His invitation.

Ted Waggoner

### Teaching Moment Tuesday X



Join Pastor Mike live on Facebook on Tuesdays at noon or catch the recording anytime on our Facebook page. We are studying the Old Testament book of Exodus. We have finished the 10 Commandments and are moving forward.



## PRAYER LIST

\*Key: Person's name (description; w submitted request).

Our Mission Co-Worker in **France**

**Losi Morton** 7/13 having tests

**Kelly Nunemaker** 7/13 health concerns: daughter of Joyce & Denny Mikesell

**Sande Summe** 7/7 cancer, test to find out how far it has spread and how to treat; by Chris Summe

**Texas** and all who are effected by flood

**BJ Swank** 7/3 broken hip due to a work accident; will require surgery. Nephew of John and JoAnn Bowers

**Fredrick Long** 7/1 mental health issues

**Cathy Ralstin** 6/30 outpatient surgery July 9 then continued physical therapy in Indy; by Dave Ralstin

**Judy Musgrave** 6/29 home following knee replacement surgery

**Oliver & Amanda** 6/16 that they would develop a relationship with the Lord; by Todd Wiles

**Mike Messick** 6/8 diagnosed with Alzheimer's, also battling squamous cell skin cancer; father of Sara Story

**Gay Downing** 6/8 heart attack 92 year old mother-in-law of Lance Musgrave

**Mike Hammel** 5/20 had another stroke; son of Lois Hammel

**Sharri Downing** 5/9 has severe back pain; by Judy Musgrave

**Marcia Smith** 5/5 has stage 4 breast cancer, struggling with side effects from treatments; cousin of Jacque Douglas

**Jim Wilber** 5/1 rehabilitation from a stroke

**Lance Musgrave** another eye surgery on 4/17. Prayer for healing and that the retina does not detach again; by Judy Musgrave

**Fred Jones** 4/17 continues through his cancer journey; by Sandra Hoffarth

**Shane Rudd** 4/13 battling two different kinds of cancer, receiving chemo and radiation 5 times a week. Has a feeding tube for nutrition; nephew of Deb Tyler

**Mary Ellen Nelsen** 4/10 stage 4 bone cancer; by Jacque Douglas

**Jackie Liebrandt** 4/9 cancer treatments, just lost mother; by Christy Bennett

**Jim Riffle** 3/17 stage 4 liver cancer, receiving treatments; nephew of Barbara Tibbets

**Barbara Swihart** 6/24 home with hospice; aunt of Gayle Rodriguez

**Carlene Musselman** 1/14 monthly chemo injections, still in congestive heart failure; by Judy Evans

**Pray for**

**Israel/Hamas/Gaza/Lebanon/Syria**

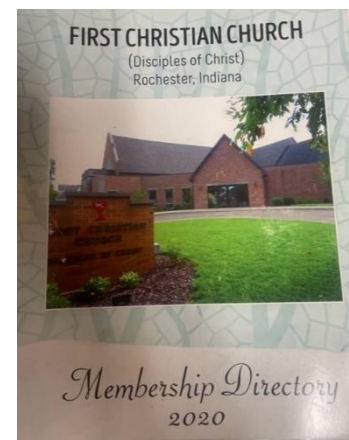
**Russia and Ukraine conflict**

JOY

**Boden Benjamin Sweeden** was born July 7; great-grandson of Joyce and Denny Mikesell

## New Pictorial Church Directory

Judy Evans and the Membership Team is putting together a new pictorial directory for the church. The goal is to have one of our photographers visit each church member and friend to take their picture. The family pictures will be combined with some church activity pictures as well as individual contact information into a small book. If you haven't already shared your contact information and good time for your photo op, please contact Judy Evan (574-835-5988).





7/07 Alex & Sydney Gudeman



Vacation Bible School volunteers including: Jacque Douglas (director), Will Van Heyningen (opening and closing), Lois Morton and Kathy Anderson (crafts), Amy Van Heyningen (Bible Adventures), Max Harsh and Elayna Blacketor (recreation), Mike Van Heyningen (Sticky Scripture), Debbie Cannedy, Susan Bryant and Margaret Bryant (snacks), Blaise McKee, Melinda Burkett, Joyce Sroufe, and Little Lambs staffers (crew leaders) plus Letty McKee and Deb Tyler.

Mark Spencer, Angie Miller, Rich Murphy, for leading worship while Pastor Mike was on vacation.



7/01 David Murphy  
7/06 Doug Morton  
7/09 Blaise McKee  
7/14 Betty Vance  
7/17 Nancy Waggoner  
7/18 Carol Bridge  
7/20 Christine Summe  
7/25 Max Harsh

June 2025		
June Financials	YTD Financials	
Income 18,244.00	Income	102,299.16
Expenses 21,204.98	Expenses	124,024.69
Attendance	In-person	On-line
June Average	Attendance 81	19
YTD Average	Attendance 74	21

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, July 15

Noon Teaching Tuesday

#### Thursday, July 17

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
10:45 am Sunday School

#### Monday, July 21

3:00 pm Wynnfield Crossing Bible Study

#### Tuesday, July 22

Noon Teaching Tuesday  
3:00 pm Pastoral Relations

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, July 23

6:30 pm Junior Church Leaders

#### Thursday, July 24

5:00 pm Property Team  
6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship Time  
10:45 am Sunday School

#### Monday, July 28

3:00 pm Wynnfield Bible Study

#### Tuesday, July 29

Noon Teaching Tuesday



*Judy Musgrave would like to thank all who have prayed, called and sent cards since her surgery for a knee replacement.*