

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



SESSION SYNOPSIS OF OCTOBER 20, 2021

The highlight of the October Session meeting was the introduction and “examination” of new officers who were 100% in attendance. (This is required by the Book of Order, and of course they *all passed!*) And what a great group of people have responded to God’s call, the Nominating Committee, and you who elected them at the October 3 Congregational Meeting. All shared briefly what brought them to FPC Valpo. The common thread in many of these faith journeys was the search for a church family, and all commented on instantly feeling the warmth, friendliness, and caring of our congregation. Many also mentioned the strong music program as an important draw. When asked what they hoped to learn or accomplish while serving as officers, they gave several important goals: find creative ways to further reach out into the community; help teach technology to our members; learn more about the inner workings of the church (not just on the surface); grow a stronger relationship with God and other members of the church; grow the Stephen Minister ministry; and help others to reconnect as we *all* are having to reconnect following our pandemic experiences.

Also a regular monthly feature at Session meetings is Elder Training. With new officers in attendance, Pastor Kim chose to review the expectations for both Elders *and* Deacons. As Scripture (and the Book of Order) makes clear, Elders and Deacons are expected to make an all-out effort to be an example of what we want the whole church to be. The officers set the mood of the congregation with warmth, love, enthusiasm, and peace-making by...

- ...Seeking to become an open, honest, and close-knit group;
- ...Seeking to call forth the best in each other and affirming each other’s gifts and abilities;
- ...*Praying* for each other;
- ...Being *open to change* (while being faithful to the lens of Scripture);
- ...Respecting confidentiality concerning information learned while performing officer duties (Anything said during a meeting or visit should be considered *privileged information*.)

Each of these bullet points are goals that *ALL* the officers aspire to, and, in fact, they are goals that each of *US* should strive toward as well.

In addition, the following business was conducted:

Motions:

- Building & Grounds
 1. B&G is contracting with Hines Plumbing to replace all old steel water plumbing pipes located throughout the north, east, and west hallways so as to provide clear and clean potable fresh water to the entire FPC facility. Part of the cost of this project is being offset with a gift from an estate received earlier this year.
- Worship
 1. Christmas Eve worship services with Communion will be at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Friday, December 24, 2021.
 2. Beginning October 31, Worship services will be moved indoors (with masks required); the November 1 Prayer Vigil with Luminaries will remain in the Pavilion.
 3. The Sanctuary and Chapel will be open for Self-Guided Wednesdays from 5:00PM-7:00PM during Advent.

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF OCTOBER 20, 2021, CONTINUED

Informational Items:

- It is with regret that we have received the resignation of Treasurer Ruth Dickey, effective January 31, 2022, after *many* years of dedicated service to FPC Valpo.
- The Mask Policy which requires masks to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status will be continued as long as the CDC guidelines are recommending it; several emails have been received supporting this policy.
- The Chancel Visioning and Building & Grounds Teams both feel there is a need for an entire building assessment. Elevate Studio has offered to do this for a fee, but there will be a Called Session Meeting with them via Zoom to determine if Elevate can provide all the information needed before Session approves the fee.
- There is a committee involving two or more churches looking into opportunities to assist Afghan allies being housed at Camp Atterbury; if anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Kim.
- New Business Manager Susan Davis has been given a five-month evaluation and is performing extremely well. She has been given a three percent raise.
- Stewardship letters should have been received and pledge cards are requested to be returned as soon as possible so the Finance Team can prepare the 2022 Budget.
- Hanging of the Greens will take place the first Sunday during Advent, November 28.
- Elder Harry Karabel was given permission to place a sturdy removable sign framework on the northeast corner of the property.

Praises/Joys/Prayers/Concerns:

- Deep appreciation was expressed for our three leaders, Pastor Kim, Pastor Nancy, and CE Director Ken Crews, for all the work they do for God and for FPC. (October is *Pastor Appreciation Month!*)
- Prayers for the students and faculty of Alma College and for the community of Alma, MI, as all affected process the recent shooting on campus.
- Praises that the PADS ministry to homeless men is back in the church again after a long absence.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which will be *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a lay care giving ministry that supplements pastoral care. It focuses on caring for people in sorrow and great pain or a feeling of being in trouble.

This program has been led by Dave Spitler and we thank him for his time, talent and leadership as he steps away from this roll. Thank you Dave!

Linda Long and Elizabeth Monroe have committed to a 10-day course sponsored and taught by Stephen Ministers in St. Louis; so they can step into the leadership of this program. As they begin this training, prayerfully remember them and think about how you might fit into the Stephen Ministers program here at FPC Valparaiso.

**All Saints' Day
Ecumenical Prayer Vigil**

*Honoring the saints of the church and
remembering lives lost to COVID.*

**Monday, November 1, 2021
6:30pm-7:00pm**

*First Presbyterian Church
of Valparaiso Pavilion
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383*

*All are invited to gather in honor and
remembrance. This event will offer a unique
opportunity to recognize the impact of COVID
on the local and global community.*



Thank You!!



On October 11th, I finished the Chicago Marathon. I could not have done it without all the love, support and prayers from friends and family. I was able to raise over \$5,000 for Parkinson's research. Team Fox was almost able to raise \$100,000 that went 100% to research. Thank you to all who were able to donate and for all of you praying for me.



Important Information for Anyone Who Can Check All the Boxes

- I am 70 or older.**
- I have an IRA.**
- I donate money to the church (and/or charities).**

On our Federal Taxes, most of us now take the standard deduction of \$12,000 (single) or \$24,000 (married) rather than itemizing, and thus we no longer get a tax deduction for money we give to qualified charities such as the church. However, if you checked the three boxes above, **you still can donate money and lower your taxes.** Here is why and how:

Beginning at age 70½ (72*), you must take a specified amount, your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), out of your IRA each year. You must now start paying the taxes you avoided when you put the money in the IRA. (*Anyone who did not turn 70½ by January 1, 2020 is not required to start taking RMD's until age 72).

Assume Mary is required to take \$3,000 out of her IRA this year. She also wants to give \$3,000 to the church and/or other charitable organizations.

1. She can have this money sent to herself. It is considered income, and she would pay \$1,025 more in taxes (if she is in the 32% tax bracket). $\$3,000 - \$1,025 \text{ (to taxes)} = \mathbf{\$1,975 \text{ left for charities}}$
2. She can request this money be sent **directly** to an IRS approved charity, such as the church, and she would pay no taxes on this money. $\$3,000 - \$0 = \mathbf{\text{the full } \$3,000 \text{ goes to the church!}}$
3. Yes, if she wanted to donate only \$2,000, she could have \$1,000 (\$680 after taxes) sent to her.
4. Also, she can request the money be distributed among several charities.

These donations are called **Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD's)**.

All it takes is a phone call to the custodian of your IRA (or your accountant/financial advisor). He/she can help you set up the process and timing for sending out your QCD checks this year.

Blessings,

Your Endowment Committee:

Ruth Dickey
Cathy Greenawald
Doug Hollar
Jim Hubbard
Katherine Joseph
Paul Knauff
Karen Vogelsang



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, November 21
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.

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DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Bob Marrs)

Happy Thanksgiving!

As a spirit-filled community of faith, all of us at First Presbyterian need to continue our mission of caring for one another. After all we are “*United in the Love of Christ*”. Whether it’s supporting our youth, helping at the resale shop, assisting with needed tasks at the church or doing God’s work in the community, let the Holy Spirit guide your journey.

Following Christ’s example, the Deacons are continuing to serve as the hands and feet of Christ for our church. We are working hard to make sure that those who are homebound are being checked on and informed of church happenings through phone calls, letters, and virtual visits. If you know someone who is in need of a Deacon please let our moderator, Nancy Porter, know at 219.309.7531 or nancyporter2051@yahoo.com.

If you have prayer concerns, please reach out to Beth Germann (219.477.9964, bcgermann@gmail.com). If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please let Beth know.

Deacon Cookie Sale -This year the annual Deacons Cookie Sale will be part of the Craft Fair being held Nov. 20th in the gymnasium of the church. The congregation is invited to contribute cookies for the sale. Please package them 4 to a baggie or 1 large cookie per baggie. Bagged snacks such as trail mix are also welcome. They should be dropped off at the front entrance to the church on Thursday the 18th or Friday the 19th. The deacons will price the bags for the sale. This year cookies are not being sold by weight.

The Deacons are restarting the Care/Prayer card ministry. Don’t forget to sign the card each Sunday.

Advent Bags - The Deacons are making 30 bags this year for our Deacon Friends; and we need your help. Groups and individuals are welcome to help. If you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry, please provide 30 individually Christmas wrapped gifts to be included in the bags. There will be boxes placed outside the main church doors A on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021, to place the wrapped gifts. The gifts will be collected from the boxes on those dates for Advent Bag assembly. Please remember the wonderful people these bags are given to during Advent. The Deacon Friends really look forward to receiving them.

Fun fact: Did you know First Presbyterian Church is a charter member of the Christian Food Pantry? Hunger occurs in families at all times of the year. Please remember to donate food to the food pantry at all times of the year.

The Deacons are praying for a time when it is safe for all of us to be together again!

UNTIL NEXT TIME I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS BLESSING:

May the saddest day of your future
Be no worse than the happiest day of your past.



PEACE, GRACE AND LOVE TO ALL...

CHURCH PUPPETS NEWS

OUR CHURCH PUPPETS...A LOOK BACK

Sterling and Barbara Miller related that daughter Amy, a former church puppeteer in the 1980's, re-discovered her puppet during a move, and wondered if Candy (see photo) could be returned to the church and her fellow puppets. This created a search into the stories of our puppet history.



Of those who shared recollections from the past forty years of Puppet Ministry at our church, many names were recalled...of over sixty middle and high school youths... and ten or fifteen adult helpers who were costume makers, set builders, drivers, and even a hand-tossed pizza maker to feed the puppeteers.

Sandi Roth remembered that in 1979 when Assistant Pastor Mike Kuhner asked them as new members what they might be interested in being involved in with their church, it led to their establishment of a newly-formed youth Puppet Ministry that she and Bruce led for the fledgling first two years.

Betty Richardson then related that in eighteen years of providing leadership, she remembers teen groups meshing to team together for several years each, in order to present Christian messages through puppets. Over the years, a great many presentations were made at our church during special holidays, Vacation Bible School and Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School ("PWNS") but also in churches around the city, the county, as far as Geneva Center and a Presbyterian church in the near-westside of Chicago.

Sharon Harris responded to recall that daughter Heidi formed friendships through church puppets that have continued cross-country over the years, way past graduation.

Former puppeteer Erin Caldwell Leto, with husband Jason and co-leader Bonnie Swarner, led and helped to recently bring the Puppet Ministry back for a few years.

Many groups of our middle and high school kids came together over the years to practice, create, and give a gift of their time, their talent, their "hands" to send a Christian message through the puppets. Parents felt grateful that their kids were with a good group of youth, having fun in a safe surrounding to outreach their faith. God is Good!

OPPORTUNITY – LITURGIST MINISTRY

Serving as the liturgist during worship is a ministry. We invite you to approach it prayerfully. This ministry is open to as many people as possible giving the opportunity to support our liturgists in this "work of the people" (the root of liturgy from Greek). Liturgists may read the Call to Confession and Confession of Sin, while the minister preaches the sermon, offers prayers, and blesses sacraments. Our liturgists are an important part of our worship, and demonstrate how we all minister to the community.

To sign up to serve as liturgist, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/994107930073/false#/invitation>

TOGETHER WE WELCOME ONLINE WORKSHOP

If you want to know more about resettling allies, our mission team will sponsor your registration for **Together We Welcome**, a national online Zoom workshop evenings 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (CDT) from November 7-11, 2021. We will learn more about the cultural, social, emotional, financial, health issues and other aspects involved in the process of resettling allies, with two dedicated sessions addressing the Afghans. Our PC(USA) is co-sponsor for the **Together We Welcome** workshop.

Learn more at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-is-major-supporter-of-refugee-and-migration-conference/>

<https://registration.socio.events/e/togetherwewelcome>

DEACON ADVENT BAGS MINISTRY

ADVENT BAGS

It is time to start thinking about Advent Bags. The Deacons are making 30 bags this year for our Deacon Friends; and we need your help. Groups and individuals are welcome to help.

Below is the list of items/ideas to choose from; or folks are welcome to choose other items/ideas for the bags. If you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry, please provide 30 individually Christmas wrapped gifts to be included in the bags. **There will be boxes placed outside the main church doors A on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, 2021 to place the wrapped gifts. The gifts will be collected from the boxes on those dates for Advent Bag assembly.**

Please prayerfully consider participating in this wonderful ministry!

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| ➤ Gloves | ➤ Pens / Pencils with Notepads |
| ➤ Chapstick ® | ➤ Ornaments |
| ➤ Individual Pack of Cookies or Chips | ➤ Hot Chocolate |
| ➤ Small Size Hand Cream or Lotion | ➤ Cheese and Crackers |
| ➤ Hand Soap and Wash Rags | ➤ Individual Bags of Goodies |
| ➤ Toothbrush and Toothpaste | ➤ Any Christian Craft or Doodad |
| ➤ Kleenex | ➤ Handkerchief (Fancy or Plain) |
| ➤ Footies | ➤ Christmas Cards Signed by Individuals/Groups |
| ➤ Emery Boards or Nail File | |

Please remember the wonderful people these bags given to Advent. The Deacon Friends really look forward to receiving them.

Thank you, Your Deacons

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”) NEWS

PWNS had a beautiful October and was able to use the outdoor playground a lot including being able to play with the new musical equipment. The children love it!!! Thank you to Kent and Betty Richardson for donating it and to the wonderful men from the Church who installed it. Everyone should go take a peek on the playground and play some tunes.

We want to thank all those who came to help celebrate Halloween with us. We enjoyed seeing your costumes and getting your treats. We love seeing and getting to know the members of the Church! November will bring lots of Thanksgiving activities including Our Old Mother’s Cupboard food drive. We will be collecting food to fill our Cupboard and donating to the Christian Food Pantry. If you would like to help us, please drop your donations on the table outside our rooms. Happy Thanksgiving to all and we pray for many blessings to all of you!

Dana Hansen
Samantha Lutin

Hannah Scheller
Connie Knauff

MISSION NEWS: PADS MINISTRY

PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would you be willing to make dinner, breakfast, or help in other areas needed for PADS this year?

New Creation is checking in the men each week. They must be vaccinated and tested weekly to be part of the program and wear masks except when eating and sleeping.

The meal volunteer sheets are in the Hospitality Center at church for you to sign up.

In addition, if you can help with the PADS Ministry, please visit the link below to sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48afaa23a0fbc52-pads>

Thank you for all you have done and are doing for our homeless men!

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In September, the pantry served one hundred and thirteen families which provided food for two hundred and fifty people. The Kid’s Kits program ended with the last twenty-two kits were given out. The extra volunteer time was stressed since several regular workers asked for vacation time, moving time and three worked through other concerns. Thoughts for Thanksgiving are already on the agenda with the usual menu items planned to be offered for the special holiday. The following items needed are found below.

- Canned Cranberries
➤ Green Beans
➤ Dried Onion Rings
➤ Cream of Mushroom Soup
➤ Sweet Potatoes
➤ Mashed Potatoes
➤ Turkey Gravy
➤ Canned Fruit
➤ Jell-O®
➤ Stuffing

Of course, with regular serves being offered eight times a month, regular items offered are always needed. Basics needs are as follows:

- Soups
➤ Fruit
➤ Tuna in Water
➤ Toilet Tissue
➤ Cereals
➤ Mixed Vegetables
➤ Saltines
➤ Egg Noodles
➤ Pork ‘n Beans

For this time of year tissues, juices and detergents are especially appreciated. Clients are given the opportunity to choose from any extra items that are donated. Any kind of help for the pantry given in our seven supporting congregations, from the community and various individuals is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Nan (219) 462-6169
Sharon (219) 464-1764

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OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE ITEMS TO HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY
NEEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Deodorant
➤ Diapers Size 5 & 6
➤ Dish Soap Laundry Detergent Pods
➤ Fresh Fruit
➤ Hand Soap
➤ Paper Towels
➤ Ravioli or Spaghettios® in Cans
➤ Tissues

LOCATION:
606 Union Street
Valparaiso, IN
Phone: 219-477-4222, ext. 251

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Thursdays from 9 AM – 11:30 AM

DONATIONS:
Donations are accepted at the pantry on Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or for an appointment, please call (219) 477-4222.



“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”



**JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FPCV MONTHLY MEAL OUT
 (“MMO”)**

**Monday, November 15, 2021
 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Shoe's Pizzeria
 3300 Calumet Ave
 Valparaiso, In 46383
 (219) 476-7463**

10% of all pre-tax proceeds will benefit the Building & Grounds Team



**FPCV HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
 3401 N. VALPARAISO ST.
 NOVEMBER 20, 2021
 8:00AM - 4:00PM**

*Delicious goodies and drinks
 available at the Christ Café, operated
 by the FPCV Presby's Youth Group.
 Christ Café profits support
 Heifer International.*

VENDORS INCLUDE:

**THAT ONE CRAFTY BROAD • AVON • SCENTSY
 BUTTERFLY BOUTIQUE • KAT'S KREATIONS
 ENCHANTED BY SIERRA • COLOR STREET
 STAMPIN' UP • THIRD WORLD SHOPPE
 B CRAFTY BY LORI • ROOKIE RETIREES CRAFTS
 BAKED GOODS BY FPCV • AND MUCH MORE!**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

THE DEACONS COOKIE WALK IS BACK!

We will be part of the upcoming Craft Fair here at FPCV November 20, 2021;
 and we can use your help!



The cookie walk will look a little different this year than years past. We are asking that any and all baked goods be pre-wrapped upon drop off and identified as “Deacons Cookie Walk.” (For example, four cookies to a baggie/container or one large cookie per baggie/container.) **Cookies, cakes, candy, breads, Chex mix, etc. are all acceptable items.** All are welcome to forward the goodies to the church kitchen after 9:00 a.m. on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021.** The Deacons thank you in advance!

CALENDAR

Monday, November 01, 2021 – All Saints Day

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
6:30 PM	Prayer Vigil	Pavilion
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

		Online
9:00 AM	Membership Team (Rescheduled Time)	
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Online

Wednesday, November 03, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Thursday, November 04, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 05, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
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Saturday, November 06, 2021

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 07, 2021 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	FPC
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Chapel
5:00 PM	Together We Welcome Workshop*	Online Workshop
6:00 PM	Presbys	100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 08, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
5:00 PM	Together We Welcome Workshop*	Online Workshop
10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Online
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 09, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
5:00 PM	Together We Welcome Workshop*	Online Workshop
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC/Online
5:00 PM	Together We Welcome Workshop*	Online Workshop
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Thursday, November 11, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Together We Welcome Workshop*	Online Workshop
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 12, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
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Saturday, November 13, 2021

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:00 AM Faith Formation Classes

10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed

6:00 PM Presbys

CE Rooms

FPC

100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 15, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS

* **Monthly Meal Out: Shoes Pizzeria**

7:00 PM Scouts Troop 920

7:00 PM Nominating Committee

PWNS Classrooms

Valparaiso Restaurant

Pavilion, Fellowship Hall

154, 155

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS

10:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:00 PM DAR Group

1:30 PM Bulletin Notes Meeting

6:00 PM Sweet Adelines

PWNS Classrooms

101

Friendship Room

FPC

FPC

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS

10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study

7:00 PM Session Meeting

7:00 PM PADS Ministry

PWNS Classrooms

Friendship Room

Online, 154, 155

Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Thursday, November 18, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS

10:00 AM The Comfort Stitchers

3:30 PM Disciples Bible Study

5:00 PM Bell Choir

6:30 PM Choir

7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

PWNS Classrooms

154, 155

101

Sanctuary

FPC

Sanctuary

Friday, November 19, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS

PWNS Classrooms

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:00 AM Craft Fair (until 4:00 p.m.)

Fellowship Hall

**denotes for more information, please see page 10 of the Tidings.*

***denotes Monthly Meal Out ("MMO")**

Monday, November 15, 2021

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Shoe's Pizzeria
3300 Calumet Ave
Valparaiso, In 46383
(219) 476-7463**

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CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive (*until 1:00 p.m.*)
 9:00 AM Faith Formation Classes
 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed
 6:00 PM Presbys

Fellowship Hall,
 Kitchen
 CE Rooms
 FPC
 100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 22, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS
 7:00 PM Scouts Troop 920

PWNS Classrooms
 Pavilion, Fellowship
 Hall

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS
 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 1:30 PM Bulletin Notes Meeting
 6:00 PM Sweet Adelines

PWNS Classrooms
 101
 FPC
 FPC

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM PADS Ministry

Friendship Room
 Fellowship Hall,
 Kitchen

Thursday, November 25, 2021 - Happy Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)

Friday, November 26, 2021 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 27, 2021

Sunday, November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Faith Formation Classes
 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed
 6:00 PM Presbys

CE Rooms
 FPC
 100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 29, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS
 7:00 PM Scouts Troop 920

PWNS Classrooms
 Pavilion, Fellowship
 Hall

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS
 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 1:30 PM Bulletin Notes Meeting
 6:00 PM Sweet Adelines

PWNS Classrooms
 101
 FPC
 FPC

COMFORT STITCHERS

Are you interested in making Prayer Shawls but can't attend our normal Thursday meetings? The Comfort Stitchers will be happy to provide the yarn, needles, and patterns needed. We have a great deal of donated yarn or we can purchase yarn.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Sandy H. Sopata at (219) 921-4376.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Month Income	\$32,013	YTD Income	\$291,562
Month Expenses	<u>(41,312)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(329,648)</u>
Over/Short	<u>(\$9,299)</u>		<u>(\$38,086)</u>

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL OPTION:

Folks are welcome to mail pledges and gifts to the church at the following address:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OPTION:

If you would like to have pledges and gifts transferred to the church via electronic transfer, please contact the church office via email at: churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org

ONLINE GIVING OPTION:

If you would like to give pledges and gifts to the church online, please visit the church's website at www.fpcvalpo.org and click on "To Make a Gift" tab located on the right; or click on the following link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/give/KLYBGIVCVH>

Grateful for all!

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PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain at bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

The Flu Shot clinic will not be held at FPC this year due to the increase in COVID cases. The congregation should contact their Doctor or local Pharmacy for their Flu vaccine.

Thank you,

Rose Ross, RN
Congregational Health

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2021 during the online worship service (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel) at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

RESALE SHOP NEWS

As of November 1, 2021, the Presbyterian Resale Shop has donated \$34,000 to a multitude of local charities! We are looking forward to a busy holiday season that will help us continue to support our community.

We applaud all our dedicated volunteers who are giving their time and talents to make this ministry possible. We are always looking for new volunteers. A few hours spent helping us help others is time well spent...and it's fun! If you would like to join our team, please contact me.

Blessings to our Church Family.

Mary Linda Scott
231-590-5799
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ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Vic Klancer

Close: Jerry Kahrs

COMMUNION SERVERS

November 21 Vic Klancer
Kim Croarkin
Karen Huguenard

ELDER ON SCHEDULE

November 7 Matthew Byerly
November 21 Kim Croarkin

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

November 14 Cindy Robinson
November 28 Karen Vogelsang

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

November 7 TBD
November 14 TBD
November 21 TBD
November 28 Presbys

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 1
Dawn Heckard

November 2
David Rice

November 3
Carolyn Lelek

November 6
Jack Kinsey

November 7
Doug Hollar
William Stanko

November 8
Walker Powell

November 10
Emily Golding
Nancy Pedersen

November 11
Rodger Jones
Kameron Stanko
Gail Wilkes

November 12
Melissa Reyna

November 14
Dolly Trapp

November 15
Mark Robison

November 16
John Nuppau
Lauren Phillips

November 17
Harrison Bennett

November 19
Tom Edwards, Jr.

November 20
Gena Banta-Long

November 26
Sally Long

November 29
Kevin Nuppau

November 30
Kinsley Spicer

If we inadvertently missed your birthday, please contact the church office. Thank you.

DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

Due Date for Tidings Articles:

The due date for Tidings articles is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

Due Date for Bulletin Articles, First Notes and/or Advertisements:

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes, and announcements is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

PER CAPITA

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. *The cost is \$42.00 per member.* Per capita helps support the decisions of the commissioners to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as they discern the will of Jesus Christ together. It also supports the work of the Presbytery Commission of Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at: dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

THANK YOU!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Marc Buehler	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team
Kim Croarkin	Matthew 25 Team Congregational Life Team**
Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Christian Education Team Nominating Team
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Lisa Pavlopoulos	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Jacki Phillips	Adult Spiritual Formation Team (CE)
Ryne Press.....	Mission Team*
Trish Lawson	Congregational Life Team Membership Team**
	Nominating Team**
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

MISSION STATEMENT: BUILDING DISCIPLES; GROWING IN FAITH; SERVING IN CHRIST'S



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FPCVALPO (closed)