

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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## SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 24, 2024

The highlight of this Session meeting was Johnny Lawson presenting himself for confirmation as a member of our church. Johnny has completed his confirmation class, taught by Pastor Kim and Mentor Jerry Kahrs, and he shared his Statement of Faith which covered most of the topics he had studied during the twelve sessions. Elders were pleased and impressed with Johnny's statement and very proud of the growth and maturity he has displayed. After conversation, a **motion** was made, seconded, and enthusiastically approved to arrest the examination and welcome Johnny as our newest member of FPC Valpo. He will be welcomed publicly on May 19 when he will share his statement of faith with the congregation. Elders and Johnny's family then all enjoyed a delicious working pizza dinner.

Several noteworthy discussions occurred:

- Facilities Use & Policies ~ This document was approved by Session in March, but several concerns about its complexity and some unintended additional work for office staff as well as application to church members resulted in the Bylaws/Polity Task Force recommending that parts of the policy be reconsidered. **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to delay implementing the policy with respect to church members but still be used with non-church members and outside groups, at least until further revision can be discussed. The policy will revert to the previous status concerning church members.
- Worship Team is developing guidelines for decision-making regarding relocation of outdoor pavilion services in inclement weather. These should be ready for adoption at the May meeting.
- iEngage Team is actively working to revamp and update the church website. Details will be made available and input is encouraged.

Five additional **motions** were presented:

- **Blanket Motion** to give all Staff voice but no vote at all Session meetings moving forward (approved)
- **Treasurer/Finance Motion** to increase the Planned Giving Committee's recommendation to increase the amount received from the Porter County Community Foundation for the Graeber Scholarship from the \$1,000 (which was approved by Session in March) to \$1,250 which is the actual amount available for distribution this year. (approved)
- **Faith Formation Team Motion** for Vacation Bible Camp to collect backpacks & supplies to be dispersed to as many Valparaiso Community Schools as possible for the 2024-2025 school year as their mission giving project (approved)
- **Mission Team Motion** for a bike drive with bicycles and equipment (for 8-9-year-olds) to be distributed in early May to students at Williams Elementary School in Gary (approved)
- **Worship Team Amended Motion** to give Ken Medema permission to make his music available for purchase following a concert (date TBD) (approved)

Reports were received from the following Teams without discussion:

- **Building & Grounds**
- **Congregational Life**
- **Faith Formation**
- **Mission**
- **Planned Giving Committee**
- **Presbyterian Church Resale Shop**
- **Preschool Planning** (March 19, 2024; April 2, 2024)

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## SESSION SYNOPSIS, CONTINUED

Other reports were received from Pastor Kim, Pastor in Residence Julia, the Director of Worship Music and Technology, and the Clerk of Session.

Prayers were offered for healing and recovery of various family and friends, for those who are grieving, and for safe travels for returning college students as well as others who are traveling. Praises were also offered for the inspiring Easter services as well as the thought-provoking Northwest Indiana African American Alliance presentation by Madolyn Wesaw, citizen of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Tribe, with welcome and important dialogue and conversation.

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 of Session

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Stewardship would like to especially thank our Presbys group of young people for sharing their faith stories during the Church at Work moment Sunday, April 14, 2024. Their testimonies are ones that bring life to Stewardship and are ones that can ignite possibilities in all of us. We are proud of their leadership and contribution to FPC of Valparaiso!

Thanks also to Trish Lawson for organizing the presentation.

Jeanne Turner  
Stewardship Moderator

### **DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS**

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. March articles are due by April 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org)

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn in the church office at: [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org).

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at [jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org).

**THANK YOU!**

April 11, 2024

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso,

Our challenges, as a Matthew 25 church, are to build congregation vitality through local and global activity, dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty. These values are of particular interest to the next generation of church-goers: millennials and gen-exers, many of whom according to recent polls are interested in pursuing spiritual lives.

So, iEngage is investigating new ways for us to build on our Matthew 25 foundation by reaching out to a more diverse community and also exploring gender equality and identity.

This letter is your invitation to:

- a) Review the PCUSA's Diversity Journey;
- b) Learn about the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and the ways the Network can encourage a more inclusive community of faith; and
- c) Dream possibilities for moving towards a future of welcome and inclusion.

Join us on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. as we learn, explore, and dream. The session will be facilitated by The Rev. Carol McDonald, Chair of Finance and Congregational Engagement for the Board of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Carol is a long-time member of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, served for 11 years on the presbytery staff and preached at FPC for the 20th anniversary of the ordination of The Rev. Gretchen Seidler-Gibbs. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since January, 2015.

This initial gathering will be complemented by a sermon series, an examination of a wide variety of diversity trends, monthly discussions based on readings, videos and Bible studies, and culminate in identifying further priorities and plans to help us become a more inclusive and welcoming congregation. We invite all of you to join these open, honest and respectful conversations.

If you would like to participate on the task force or help lead any of the discussions, please speak with one of us, Pastor Kim or Pastor Julia. If you have specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of us as well.

“The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.”  
–Dr. Martin Luther King

Peace to you,

Harry Karabel, Matthew Byerly, Jerry Kahrs, Jeffrey Whitney

**PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY**

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, you are welcome to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain: [bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com) or (219) 477-9964.

## PRESCHOOL PLANNING TEAM NEWS

### UPDATE FROM PRESCHOOL PLANNING TEAM

Since being created by Session at its 11.29.23 Meeting, and with its charter: *“This Planning Team will explore options as to how our church could serve children and families in our community. The Planning Team to envision and propose a plan for a Matthew 25-oriented project to be funded by seed money from the Sharing Table Project”* the Team, consisting of Paul Knauff, Doug Hollar, Cathy Cole, Cathy Greenawald, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Karen Hahn (a knowledgeable preschool resource in Bloomington, IN), Harry Karabel and Jim Hubbard have been meeting every two weeks on Tuesday afternoon via Google Meet to do their due diligence and to move forward with their exploration.

One of the Team’s initial tasks has been to finalize a recommendation to Session as to how the Governing Team for the existing Preschool can be structured in a manner similar to how the Presbyterian Resale Shop operates, including having a set of Policies & Procedures and a leadership selection process with term lengths in place. Session will have final approval and then this Preschool Governance Team will be put in place to guide the current Preschool as it lives out its role.

The Planning Team is approaching its task by (a) examining our ‘present state’ of what our Preschool offers and whom we are enrolling, (b) what else is available in the area, i.e. what are other Preschools offering and whom do they serve, and (c) identifying the unmet needs in the community, not just at the Preschool level but considering also childcare needs that may exist for working families, and evaluating what it might take for our church and its facilities to help in fulfilling those needs.

What our Preschool is doing now has been confirmed. However, gathering the information about what others are offering and what the needs are is proving to be a bit harder than originally anticipated. The last piece, being the evaluating of what it would take to move beyond where our Preschool is today, and what possibly offering childcare services would entail, looks to be a formidable undertaking with the many and varied State requirements for these Early Learning Initiative activities with regard to both program offerings and physical space & staffing requirements.

The Planning Team is motivated and is committed to doing its work as timely as possible and will report to the congregation on a periodic basis.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

PWNS has a NEW name. With Session approval our preschool is now known as First Presbyterian Preschool (FPP). After 47 successful years, it was felt that the “nursery” term in PWNS was no longer appropriate so thus the name change. Please look for the name change in our NEW signs promoting the preschool in the front yard of the church. Also, thanks to Jerry Kahrs and Jim Hubbard, the FPP now has a NEW video promoting our preschool on the website. Check it out; it is awesome.

May is the Second Mile offering dedicated to FPP. A huge thank you for the generosity of all those church members and friends who have supported FPP in the past. FPP operates as a self-sustaining ministry of our church, and we are forever grateful for our members’ support. Did you know that FPP has a scholarship fund? The Aid-en Carter Harris Scholarship Fund supports families with monthly tuition when financial challenges become difficult.

With the leadership of our director, Dana Hanson, teacher, Lisa Koroncz, and teacher assistant, Megan Nelson, FPP has had a great year. Seventeen Pre-K students and 10 Early Learners have grown so much because of the leadership of this team. March brought a Night with the Author and the successful annual Read-a-Thon to FPP. The VI-Pizza Night was celebrated in April along with an FPP Open House for interested families. May will bring the annual trip to the Bus Barn for the Pre-K class as they make the transition to Kindergarten, and Pre-K Celebration will follow on May 28. A summer school program will be offered for Pre-K students from 9:00-11:00a.m. the week of July 29 to August 2. If you have a preschooler or know of someone interested, enrollment is now underway for both the summer program and the 2024-25 school year. For more information you may call (219) 464-4985 or visit our website at [www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org](http://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org)

**Ages 4 & 5**

# SUMMER SCHOOL

MONDAY, JULY 29 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 2  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Address**  
First Presbyterian Church  
3401 N. Valparaiso St  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**Registration Link**  
<https://forms.gle/Ev22SP28U6FYbmj17>  
By June 17th, 2024

**Contact Us**  
219-464-4985  
pwns@fpcvalpo.org

**Activities**  
Drawing & painting  
Outdoor Activities  
Kindergarten Readiness

**Admission \$100**

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL YARD SIGNS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you would like to place a sign in your yard and further help grow our preschool, they are located in The Faith Formation office and there will be a sign out sheet when you receive one.

Thanks so much!



**PRAYGROUND COVENANT**

*(April 10, 2024)*

- 1) We use our indoor whisper voices in church.
- 2) We use kind words and have kind hands.
- 3) We have our bottoms in the chairs, no running in worship.
- 4) Practice listening and participating in worship (i.e., when congregation is singing, follow in the hymnal accordingly).
- 5) If you come to the Prayground, we ask that you stay at the Prayground.
- 6) If you need to leave the Prayground, please let Ms. Trish or the adult at the table know; and then find your adult.
- 7) Have fun!



*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing.*  
Psalm 127:3

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The Faith Formation Ministry Team is sending out a prayerful plea for Sunday morning Nursery Leadership. We are looking for two volunteers for 10:00 a.m. worship to tend to our youngest disciples each week in the nursery.

There will be a 10-minute grace period for parents to drop their child/children off. If there is no need for the nursery, please join us in the sanctuary.

Interested or questions please contact Trish Lawson  
[tlawson@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tlawson@fpcvalpo.org) or 219-671-1205

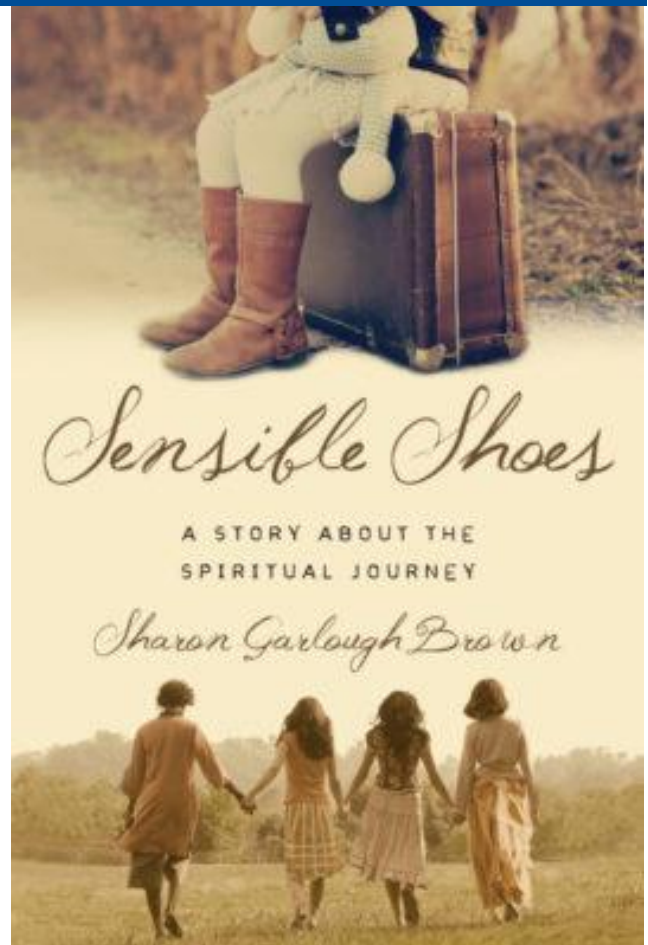
Join Pastor Julia as she guides us through *Sensible Shoes* by pastor and spiritual director, Sharon Garlough Brown, and introduces prayer and Scripture reading practices from Christian tradition.

This is an 8-week offering  
Sundays April 7th through June 2, 2024  
(skipping May 5th) 2pm-4pm  
in Room 101.

Books can be purchased at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Target.

Those interested feel free to email Pastor Julia at [jzhao@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:jzhao@fpcvalpo.org)

Hope to see you there!



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### RED CROSS DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Raymond Swadley, 85, made his first blood donation in 1958 when a co-worker asked him to join him in giving. He's been donating regularly ever since.

"When you get started, you do not realize what a wonderful service you are doing for people," Raymond said. "When I got my first pin for donating a gallon of blood, it sort of became an obsession."

In 65 years of donating, Raymond has given 346 units of blood and seen the process evolve drastically. While giving in the Army, he recalls the glass bottles and rubber tubes used in collections. Today, he schedules his appointments online and gets an email telling him where his blood ends up.

"I hope to keep giving as long as my health is good," he said. "I've never suffered any ill effects, and it doesn't hurt as bad as stubbing your toe."

Donating blood, as well as other volunteer work for the Red Cross, has become a significant part of Raymond's life. He has a scrapbook with his donor cards, letters and notes he's received from the Red Cross.

"When I look back on what I have done that has been worthwhile, I think donating blood may be near the top of the list," he said. "Hopefully, people who read this will think so too."



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP  
DONATION DRIVE  
LET US HELP YOU SPRING CLEAN YOUR  
CLOSETS & CUPBOARDS**



**We accept the following items:**

- gently used clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry
- home décor, framed artwork, knickknacks
- household items
- toys
- arts & craft supplies

**Currently we have a special need for the following items:**

- Jewelry
- Spring & Summer Hats
- Spring & Summer Purses
- Pots & Pans, Bakeware, Casserole Dishes, Mixing Bowls, Small Appliances


**Donations are accepted Monday from 9:00-12:00 and Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00-3:00 at the Shop located at 7 Lincolnway.**

**If you require assistance transporting donations to the Shop, please contact me. We can help you.**

**Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.**

**Mary Linda Scott  
Co-Moderator  
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team  
[nana6987@hotmail.com](mailto:nana6987@hotmail.com)  
231-590-5799**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
Building Disciples; Growing in Faith;  
Serving in Christ's Name  
**FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:**



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

**[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)**



## DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Sharon Harris)

The Deacons visited many of our home bound members to deliver flowers for Easter. We were glad to be able to spend some special time with them.

The month of May brings us two special times to remember family and friends with celebrations of Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Take a few minutes during this time to think about a few people who made a difference in your life. Perhaps send an e-mail, text or written note to say a few words of thanks for their encouragement to you.

One of the Deacons' main goals is to bring encouragement to our friends who are no longer able to join us for our church services. I would again ask that you send them a card on their birthdays or any day during the year.

Watch for their birthday listed in the Tidings. There are three special ladies with birthdays in May who I would like you to remember, Kathy Rowe(5th), Marilyn Mohr(15th), and Virginia Grcich (30th). If you are in need of their addresses, please contact the church office, call Sharon Harris at 219-462-2582 or email her at [skharris162@comcast.net](mailto:skharris162@comcast.net) for their addresses. They may not personally know you but just add a note saying First Presbyterian Church next to your name.

Mark your calendars for the church craft fair which has the Deacons Cookie Walk on Nov.2nd, Saturday. This is the only fund raiser for the Deacons so it is a wonderful way to support this group and also fill your freezer with some cookies for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Family Nature Night is again planned for late October. Watch for more news about this very special time.

Beth Germann continues to be our church contact person for the prayer chain 219-477-9964 ([bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com)). We are so thankful for her dedication.

As we continue to enjoy our springtime weather let us reflect upon this poem:

The Fruit of silence is Prayer.  
The Fruit of prayer is Faith.  
The Fruit of Faith is Love.  
The Fruit of Love is Service.  
The Fruit of Service is Peace.

*May your springtime be filled with many joys.*

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo and online worship services (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

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.



## CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
1:30 PM	Stewardship Team Meeting	154, 155
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155

Thursday, May 2, 2024

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 3, 2024

6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room
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Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00 AM	<b>B &amp; G Spring Church Clean Up Day –</b> <i>All are welcome to help.</i>	FPC
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Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
12:00 PM	Izaak Walton Naturalist Program - Blue Birds	Friendship Room

6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
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Monday, May 6, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	FPPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
2:00 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	154, 155
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Agenda Meeting	Hospitality Center
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155

Thursday, May 9, 2024

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 10, 2024

6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room
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Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:00 AM	iEngage Church Wide Gathering	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
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## CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12, 2024		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Sensible Shoes Book Club	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 13, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 14, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 154
Wednesday, May 15, 2024		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, May 16, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 17, 2024		
6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room
Saturday, May 18, 2024		
1:00 PM	Leadership Luncheon - Mission	FR, Kitchen
Sunday, May 19, 2024		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Confirmation Sun. Luncheon	Friendship Room
2:00 PM	Sensible Shoes Book Club	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 20, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 21, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Deacons Team Meeting	154, 155
Wednesday, May 22, 2024		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, May 23, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 24, 2024		
6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room
Saturday, May 25, 2024		

## CALENDAR

Monday, May 27, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 28, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 29, 2024		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, May 30, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 31, 2024		
6:30 PM	Weekly Family Game Night	Friendship Room

*\* on calendar denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel:*

[www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream](http://www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream),  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW\\_pTQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ), or  
[www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo](http://www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo)

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning in May, join us for 10:00 a.m. Worship outside under the pavilion first and third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and in the sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month at 10:00 a.m. through September.

### WORSHIP FLOWER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to donate worship flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or celebration, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office. **If you would like to have the flowers delivered to the church, please do so by noon the Friday prior to the Sunday service.** If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985. Thank you.

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
June 2	June 16	June 23	July 7
July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1 Carolyn Dye	May 17 Anne Hurst Trent Olling
May 2 Trey Buehler	May 18 Donna Cummins Harry Karabel
May 3 Allison Skadberg	May 19 Susan Grosick
May 4 Karen Robison	May 23 Ken McAloon
May 5 Kathy Rowe	May 24 Brooke Spitler-Nigh
May 7 Madeleine Kinsey	May 25 Jim Gray Nancy Porter
May 9 Doyll Andrews Jim Hubbard Joanne Webb	May 26 Lenny Corso Jaxson Taylor
May 11 Tom Byerly Lou Ann Karabel Grady Thomas	May 27 Joy Dirks
May 12 Andrea Phillips	May 28 Paul Knauff
May 15 Norman Brooker Marilyn Mohr Lisa Pavlopoulos	May 30 Doug Dye Virginia Grcich
May 16 Carol Byerly	May 31 Carla Evans Paul Grant

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

## MINISTRY ROSTER

### SEXTON

Open:	Paul Knauff
Close:	Paul Knauff

### ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 5	Sharon Kinsey
May 19	Matthew Byerly

### DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 12	Beth Germann
May 26	Sheya Bennett

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May 5	Sharon Kinsey
May 12	Mike Becker
May 19	Matthew Byerly
May 26	Andrew

### USHERS SCHEDULE

May 5	Dave Goodwin Amy Press Ryne Press
May 12	Michael McKee Suk McKee Molly
May 19	Jim Gray Doug Hollar Judy Hollar
May 26	Elizabeth Monroe Rose Ross Steve Scarborough

### COMMUNION SERVERS

May 19	Matthew Byerly Jim Gray Trish Lawson
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### COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

May 19	June Olling
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## DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

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

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

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

Please email screen announcements to Jeff Whitney at: [jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org).

Thank you!

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for scholarships and service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> or in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 9, 2024:

First Presbyterian Church  
3401 N. Valparaiso Street  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Attn: Scholarship Committee

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact committee members:

Jason Gordon ([jrgordon@comcast.net](mailto:jrgordon@comcast.net));  
Connie Knauff ([pcknauff@comcast.net](mailto:pcknauff@comcast.net));  
Doug Hollar ([djhollar@comcast.net](mailto:djhollar@comcast.net)); or  
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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