

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 18, 2021

Another long but fruitful Session meeting covered MANY topics of importance to FPCV. These can be divided into three main categories: (1) Motions approved; (2) Informational Items; and (3) Praises/Joys/Prayers/Concerns.

MOTIONS:

1. Congregational Life:
 - A. There will be a T-shirt fundraiser for the congregation. Samples should be available soon with orders due by September 20.
 - B. There will be a Christmas Craft Fair at FPCV on November 20, 2021, from 8:00AM – 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. More info later.
2. Building & Grounds:
 - A. A cement sidewalk will be installed joining the east side of the Pavilion entry to the adjacent asphalt parking lot.
 - B. A cement pad adjacent to the west parking lot will allow for the construction of a visual and securable enclosure for the trash dumpster.
 - C. FPCV will be sponsoring the Sweet Adelines Chorale Group, Great Lakes Chapter. They will have weekly practices and rehearsals and will also have several small community fundraising events with proceeds being shared between FPCV and the Sweet Adelines.
3. Worship
 - A. We will remain worshipping outside in the Pavilion in light of the increased infection rate of COVID and the Delta variant. The only exception is when the weather does not allow it. (This issue will be revisited in September to determine the status for October.)
 - B. If/when we must move inside, we ask for masks to be worn for the same consideration and to keep people safe and healthy.
4. Session
 - A. Session has called for the Fall Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, October 3, 2021, following the 10:00AM Worship service. The agenda has been set and will be communicated to the congregation according to our Bylaws approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Congregational Nominating Committee announced names of officer candidates to be elected at the Fall Congregational Meeting on Oct. 3, 2021:
 - A. Elder-nominees for the Class of 2024 are Linda Long, Karen Mitseff, Elizabeth Monroe, and Ron Phillips.
 - B. Deacon-nominees for the Class of 2024 are Joy Dirks, Sharon Harris, June Olling, and Betty Richardson.
 - C. Youth Deacon Nominees for the Class of 2022 are Bella Wunderlin and Maddie Wunderlin.
2. Finance Moderator Lisa Pavlopoulos instructed Elders in creating a budget. She explained how to read each team's numbers printout; how to look at the actual expenditures; how to include what is realistic; how to question what is "wonky;" and also asked teams to include any "dream" projects/costs that could be concluded within the one-year budget timeframe.

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3. Elder liaisons gave updates on the ministry candidates under our care:
 - A. Bill Rogers is no longer under our care as he has been officially ordained and is now a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
 - B. Director of CE & Youth Minister Ken Crews has completed his studies and is currently working to complete his Professional Information Form (PIF).
 - C. Ron Phillips has graduated from a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) program.
 - D. Tim Reyna has decided to withdraw from the ordination process at this time.
4. Unfortunately, the church building has been having problems with the fresh water galvanized pipes within the facility; they are in dire need of repair due to rust accumulation. This issue is being studied for possible solutions.
5. PADS Ministry will begin in mid-October with a few changes. The program will now be co-ed, so two separate rooms will be used for sleeping; two sets of overnight volunteers will therefore be needed (male and female). New Creation will be helping with overnight staffing, but volunteers are still essential. Most policies and procedures will remain the same, but masking will probably be required of both clients and volunteers. Beth Germann will coordinate dinner and breakfast schedules and Ryne Press will coordinate all other aspects. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this important and worthwhile ministry by volunteering at least once!

PRAISES/JOYS/PRAYERS/CONCERNS:

1. Prayers have been lifted for all who are returning to school in any capacity: students, teachers, administrators, support staff, parents.
2. Prayers go out to those struggling with vaccine and mask decisions.
3. Prayers are offered for doctors, nurses, and medical support staff.
4. Hilltop Neighborhood House does amazing things for children in our wider community, but there are ways in which we can help better prepare the kids for the start of school by providing supplies in a timely manner. Future project!
5. Sometimes connecting with a worship experience isn't always easy depending on what individuals are facing in their everyday lives; we all need to be mindful of and sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.
6. Congratulations to the first female Eagle Scout in the history of our church! A Court of Honor was held in our Pavilion on August 21 for Kaily Van Wienen.
7. There have been many positive comments and lots of good conversation around the summer concert series and the upcoming sermon series on joy!
8. Praises and special gratitude should be extended to the Building & Grounds team and moderators Rick Exley and Vic Klancer who have been spending SO much time keeping our facility working as well as possible (as well as the awesome work of Dan Higgins and Val Smart Higgins!).
9. Long overdue thank you's are finally going to the many members who have been both generous and faithful in supporting the ministries of FPCV despite the struggles of the past year and a half.
10. Prayers have been requested for elders, relatives of elders, and congregation members who are undergoing surgeries, testing, treatment, and recovery.

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

FPC VALPO OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, September 2, 2021:

- 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Choir rehearsal at FPC
7:30-9:00 p.m. Worship music team rehearsal at FPC

Sunday, September 5, 2021: (Communion)

- 10:00 a.m.** Worship
Labor Day Weekend, *NO Faith Formation*,

Thursday, September 9, 2021:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Bell Choir rehearsal begins, in the chapel.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at FPC (**Revised Time**)
7:30-9:00 p.m. Worship music team rehearsal at FPC

Sunday, September 12, 2021: ("Joy" Sermon Series and CE)

- 9:00 AM** Faith Formation for all ages, topic:
"Rejoice in Others' Blessings"
(Adult class will be in-person and online via Zoom.)
10:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Presbys

Thursday, September 16, 2021:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Bell Choir rehearsal, in the chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at FPC (**Revised Time**)
7:30-9:00 p.m. Worship music team rehearsal at FPC

Sunday, September 19, 2021: ("Joy" Sermon Series and CE)

- 9:00 a.m.** Faith Formation for all ages, topic:
"Practice Joy in God's Promise"
(Adult class will be in-person and online via Zoom.)
10:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Presbys

Thursday, September 23, 2021:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Bell Choir rehearsal, in the chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at FPC (**Revised Time**)
7:30-9:00 p.m. Worship music team rehearsal at FPC

WORSHIP TECH TEAM OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for folks to join our Worship Tech Team. If you have an interest in audio, video and/or lighting please contact Jeff Whitney via email at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org. Don't worry, we'll train you and show you how all this cool stuff works :-)

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Bill Jewell upon his death.

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”) NEWS

We have been working very hard to get PWNs staffed, cleaned and organized and open this Fall! We did it!!! God is good!!! Our families will be attending Open Houses on August 30th and 31st and the children’s first days of school will be September 7th and 8th. Dana Hanson, Hannah Scheller, and Samantha Lutin will be our teachers. Dana graduated from Valparaiso University in 2010 with a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education and a minor in Special Education. She has been a stay at home mom to three children and is excited to get back into the classroom. Hannah Scheller is a Senior at Valparaiso University majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. She will be student teaching in the spring. Hannah has lots of experience working with children including working with our Camp Kindergarten this summer. She spent some of her youth in activities at our church! Samantha has an Associate degree in Early Childhood from Brown Mackie College and has worked as a preschool teacher at La Petite Academy and a aide at Washington Twp. School. She is the mom of 4 children and is a Girl Scout Leader and a Sunday School teacher at her church. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the Church. Our Pre K class is full at this time but our Early Learner class (3-4 year olds) has some openings. Please have interested parents call the Church for more information.

Thank you for all your support!! We could not have this wonderful program with out your support!! Keep watching for how you can join in the fun the coming months- hint: Halloween!!!!

Connie Knauff

DEACONS DOINGS

As the summer moves to fall, I am again grateful to be seeing so many of you again and feel the love and support that comes from being a member of FPC Valparaiso. We are truly a strong and mighty group through all of the twists and turns of the last year and a half.

This year I have been blessed and honored to represent the Deacons and church community by serving on the Nominating Committee for 2022 Elders and Deacons. This committee has been hard at work since April and prayerfully worked to find individuals to serve in these important roles for the next three years.

As always, Deacons continue to serve daily with calls, cards and visits to homebound members of our church. Any members who are aware of someone in need of care in our church family may contact Moderator Nancy Porter at 219-309-7531 or email at nancyporter2051@yahoo.com.

Any prayers concerns are also welcome and may be passed on to the prayer chain through Beth Germann at 219-477-9964 or email at bcgermann@gmail.com.

Blessings to all of you.

Lisa Vukin

MISSION NEWS

SEPTEMBER'S SECOND MILE OFFERING KAIROS MINISTRY

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CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In July, the pantry served ninety-eight families which provided food for two hundred and forty people. Therefore, the pantry is blessed to serve those in need of food assistance in our neighborhood. The forty-four Kid's Kits were appreciated by families with children home from school. Many homegrown veggies are being supplied and gladly taken by many of the pantry clients. Grateful to the many awesome volunteers who have continued to serve during these trying times! Thank you to all for caring and sharing.

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.



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>

**CONGREGATIONAL COMRADERY
T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS
ARE COMING
TO
FPCV!!!**

We received so many compliments about our summer VBC T-shirts that we said,
“Why not offer FPCV gear to everyone?”

Below are the sizes and pricing along with an order form. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso and must be accompanied with the order form.

**Please forward to the church office or the
Congregational Life mailbox.
Orders due September, 20, 2021**

**THE VERBIAGE ON T-SHIRT/HOODIES
ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

FRONT : First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
Faith, Hope, Peace, Love

BACK: Love, God, Neighbor

SLEEVE: Matthew 25 Logo

GREY T-SHIRT: (Youth-Adult XL) \$18
(2XL-5XL) \$21

GREY UNISEX V-NECK T-SHIRT: (S-XL) \$19
(2XL-3XL) \$23

GREY HOODIE SWEATSHIRT: (S-XL) \$27
(2-3XL) \$31



Name: _____

T-Shirt: _____ Size(s) _____ Quantity _____ Total _____

V-Neck: _____ Size(s) _____ Quantity _____ Total _____

Hoodie: _____ Size(s) _____ Quantity _____ Total _____



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND VENDORS!!!!

Join us at First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
for a

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 20, 2021
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(7:00 a.m. set up)
Fellowship Hall

\$25.00 secures your reservation for a table to display and sell your items.
Money will be due no later than Friday, October 1, 2021.
Please let us know what your table will be selling as we may advertise that.

All table reservation fees collected will be donated to Heifer International.

Any questions, contact Trish Lawson tmlawson77@yahoo.com or 219-671-1205.

PRAISE ITEM

Congregational Life's Monthly Meal Out "MMO" Program kicked-off in June 2021 and was featured at McAlister's Deli in Valparaiso. When folks ordered online, via phone or in the McAlister's Valparaiso restaurant and mentioned FPC's fundraiser on June 21, 2021, twenty percent of the proceeds were raised for FPC. It was a great success! Two hundred ninety-nine dollars and twenty-three cents (\$299.23) was raised for FPC's Building and Grounds ministry. Grateful for all!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!"

The next Monthly Meal Out ("MMO") Program is as follows:



Put up the closed sign in your family's kitchen and join us for another
FPCV M.M.O. (Monthly Meal Out)!

Tuesday September 21, 2021
10:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Panda Express
2904 John Howell Drive
Valparaiso, In 46383

*20% of the pre tax total will go back to FPCV in support of
Building and Grounds if FPC Fundraiser is mentioned/included when ordering.*

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 01, 2021

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study - KC	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting (Rescheduled)	Online

Thursday, September 02, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	Choir	FPC
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Meetings	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Music Team Rehearsal	FPC

Friday, September 03, 2021

Saturday, September 04, 2021

Sunday, September 05, 2021

10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Outdoors & Streamed	Pavilion
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team (Rescheduled)	FPC

Monday, September 06, 2021 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 07, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Membership Team	Online
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/FR
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Online

Wednesday, September 08, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study - KC	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team (Rescheduled)	Friendship Room

Thursday, September 09, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	101,
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	FR (Rescheduled Location)
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Revised Time)	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Music Team	FPC

Friday, September 10, 2021

7:00 AM	Reports/Minutes Due for Session Packets (Revised)	Office
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (Rescheduled)	Zoom

Saturday, September 11, 2021

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12, 2021		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation for Youth and Children	CE Wing
9:00 AM	Faith Formation for Adults	Friendship Room/Zoom
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Outdoors & Streamed	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	100/Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 13, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team (Rescheduled)	Online
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 14, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/ FR
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
Wednesday, September 15, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study - KC	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154/155 / Zoom
Thursday, September 16, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Revised Time)	FPC
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Meetings	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Music Team Rehearsal	FPC
Friday, September 17, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
Saturday, September 18, 2021		

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 19, 2021

9:00 AM	Faith Formation for Youth and Children	CE Wing
9:00 AM	Faith Formation for Adults	Friendship Room/Zoom
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Outdoors & Streamed	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	100/Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 20, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Nominating Committee	154, 155

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
*	Monthly Meal Out – Panda Express	Panda Express
1:00 PM	DAR Group	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/FR

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study - KC	Friendship Room

Thursday, September 23, 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 Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Revised Time)	FPC
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Meetings	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Music Team Rehearsal	FPC

Friday, September 24, 2021

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
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Saturday, September 25, 2021

***denotes Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)**
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Panda Express
2904 John Howell Drive
Valparaiso, In 46383

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 Building and Grounds if FPC Fundraiser is mentioned/included when ordering.*

CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, September 26, 2021		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation for all ages	CE Wing
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Outdoors & Streamed	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	100/Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 27, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 28, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/ FR
6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	Friendship Room
Wednesday, September 29, 2021		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study - KC	Friendship Room
Thursday, September 30, 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 Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Revised Time)	FPC
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Meetings	FPC
7:30 PM	Worship Music Team Rehearsal	FPC

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Panda Express

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2021**

Month Income	\$26,518	YTD Income	\$235,356
Month Expenses	<u>(35,222)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(252,924)</u>
Over/Short	<u>(\$8,704)</u>		<u>(\$17,568)</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!

PRAISE ITEM

THE EAGLE RISES

On August 21, the family and friends of Kaily Van Wienen gathered in the FPC pavilion to celebrate Kaily's achievement of the Eagle Scout rank. Kaily is not only the first female Eagle Scout in our church's history, she is also the first from Dunes Moraine Council, which covers all of Northwest Indiana.

Kaily joined Troop 920 in 2019, just after the Scouts began allowing women to join the organization. She completed her path to Eagle in just three years. Any Eagle Scout will tell you that is a remarkable achievement. Most Scouts who do make Eagle, and there are few, take at least six years to complete the task.

For her Eagle Scout project, Kaily and her supporters helped build out a portion of our church's Meditation Pathway. They built and secured resting benches and spread gravel along the path. David Spitler was on hand to haul the gravel out of the parking lot so it could be spread.

Kaily recently completed a ten-day backpacking trek at the Scout's premier High Adventure Camp, the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. She is currently planning to pursue a nursing career, like her mom, Scoutmaster Mary Van Wienen.

FPC Valpo has sponsored Troop 920 for over 75 years.

Congratulations, Kaily!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 5, 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.

HEARTFELT THANK YOUS

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all of your prayers and expressions of sympathy for the passing of my brother Bill. I have passed on your condolences to my family and they are very thankful. I could feel your love and prayers while I was away and I believe that it made a very hard task much easier!

In God's love,

Rose Ross

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My First Presbyterian Church of Valpo Family,

Thank you very much for the generous monetary gift for my ordination. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family walk with me and share so many wonderful memories on my ministry journey. I am in deep gratitude for the beautiful service and hospitality from the First Pres family. Also, thank you for the beautiful hand-made stole presented at my ordination. I will wear it with honor and humility!

God Bless!

Love,

Bill Rogers

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

SEXTON

Open: Rick Exley 9/5
Doug Hollar 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

Close: Rick Exley 9/5
TBD: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

COMMUNION SERVERS

September 5 Rick Exley
Ken McAloon
Chip Wilkes

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

September 5 Ken McAloon
September 19 Lisa Pavlopoulos

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

September 12 Bob Marrs
September 26 Linda Marrs

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

September 5 TBD
September 12 Judy Hollar
September 19 Jason Gordon
September 26 TBD



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1
Bonnie Swarner

September 2
Ray Miller

September 3
Della Hutton

September 4
Evelyn Crews
Justin Giles

September 5
Katelynn Stanko

September 7
Sandra Corso
Darlaine Lorz

September 8
Garry Anderson
Kyla Deible
Bridgett Kinsey

September 9
Dan Higgins

September 10
Ansen Andrews

September 12
Gary Germann
Jerry Valdivia

September 13
Suzan Von Ehr

September 14
Tracy Campbell

September 15
Cathy Greenawald
Robbie Greenawald

September 18
Craig Johnson

September 19
Kieth Carlson
Sylvia Graham
David McGonigle
Ginny Nordlund

September 22
Jerry Seegers

September 24
Sheya Bennett

September 25
Steve Heckard

September 26
John Rittel

September 27
Walt Alexander
Kathy Welter

September 29
Emily Coffin
Becky Gordon
Ann Klipstine

September 30
Christine McAloon

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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