

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

With Labor Day behind us, kids and teachers all back in school, the slight hint of seasons beginning to change (days are definitely getting shorter and the mornings cooler!), your Session is working in overdrive with even more motions, informational items, and joys/concerns to share than last month!

MOTIONS:

➤ Session

1. At the October 3 Congregational Meeting, not only will we be **electing the new classes of Elders and Deacons**, but we will also be **voting on a change to our Bylaws**. You should have received an email blast detailing the change being proposed by Session and the rationale for that change. In effect, we hope to align our Bylaws with the Book of Order by allowing elders and deacons to serve for two consecutive terms rather than permitting them to serve only one term. Most Presbyterian churches follow this guideline, and Session feels it is appropriate to at least allow this as a possibility. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Sharon Kinsey or *any* Elders who unanimously support this change.
2. Prospective new member **Debra Daugherty** shared her journey, was examined by Elders, approved for membership, and will be publicly joining FPCV with Harry and Jeanne Turner on September 26, 2021. We welcome them!
3. Deacons have been authorized (according to the Book of Order) to **serve communion to Deacon Friends** who are unable to attend in-person worship on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2021. The elements will be blessed during the worship service and taken to them later that day.
4. Session has joyfully approved the upcoming October **Baptism** of Maisie, daughter of Maggi (Karabel) and Brandon Christy.
5. After considerable discussion initiated by the Worship Team, Session voted to *require masks to be worn inside the building for all activities whenever the CDC is recommending this action* (according to the CDC website: “if you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission” (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>)). This decision will be revisited monthly.

➤ Worship

1. Sunday morning worship will remain **outdoors** in the Pavilion through the end of October, weather permitting.
2. When we must move indoors for Sunday worship, *masks will be required for everyone over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status.*

➤ Mission

1. Session approved a **fundraiser** for Melissa Klancer to raise money for Parkinson’s research. Melissa has qualified to run in the Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2021, with the Michael J. Fox “Team Fox.”

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Informational Items:

- While praying for the Wider Community, Elder Rick Exley shared what an amazing ministry is taking place at the **Presbyterian Resale Shop**. While many of our Presbyterian women are well aware of what has been going on since the shop was established back in 1942 (nearly 80 years ago!), it is always good to publicize how much good they do by selling gently used clothing, housewares, small appliances, books, toys, etc., all at *very* low prices. They are still able to take in large amounts of money which they in turn donate back to our local community.
- Worship Team has determined that beginning Sunday, September 26, 2021, passing of the **offering plates** will resume. For those who still feel uncomfortable passing the plates, separate offering plates will continue to be available before entering the worship space.
- There will be a **Called Meeting of the Session** following worship on Sunday, September 26, 2021, for the purpose of receiving an update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Some of the survey results have already been shared with the congregation, but Co-moderators Cathy Greenawald and Jim Hubbard plan to go into more detail when meeting with the Session while also asking specifically what steps Session would recommend next.
- Finance Moderators Lisa Pavlopoulos and Marc Buehler shared timelines for preparing our 2022 **Budget** as well as the upcoming Stewardship campaign which is rumored to be concluding with the first ever **FPCV Tailgate Party** for the Bears/Packers football game on October 17!
- Following a discussion that has been on-going for several months, Session has directed former Membership Clerk Susan Grosick to revise a letter that has been used in the past and send it to non-attending members whom elders have tried to contact as prescribed by the Book of Order. In addition, Membership Team members will be contacting financial contributors who have not been attending.
- As many are aware from reading the news recently, there are thousands of **Afghan refugees** entering our country. Most of these refugees have come with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, so they have tremendous needs, both immediate and long-term. Several members of our church along with Pastor Kim, as well as several members of our sister church Trinity Lutheran, have met to discuss the possibility of helping with the resettlement of some of these refugees in some way. If you too have such an interest, please contact Pastor Kim and look for more details to come as the discussions move forward and possibilities are explored.

Praises/Joys/Prayers/Concerns:

- Prayers are ongoing for Elder Ken McAloon who is currently in Kenya on a two-week mission trip serving Pastor Henry's church.
- Prayers of thankfulness as well as continued healing for Elder Trish Lawson following her recent surgery
- Praises abound for the recent sermon series and adult classes on Joy! Worship has been filled with the multiple joys of music, the sounds of nature, kids on the playground, laughter, and people staying long after services are over to reconnect and enjoy being together again. Many thanks for the leadership of CE Director Ken Crews and CE Moderator Sharon Kinsey for their leadership.
- Participating in communion together as well as the practice of laying on of hands have also brought more meaningful joy to our community
- Prayers are needed for our Cub Scout troop which is experiencing difficulties and may be forced to disband.
- Prayers are requested for the people of Florida (especially Pastor Kim's mother) where COVID and lax protocols have few available beds in hospitals, medical personnel are leaving the profession due to exhaustion and impossible working conditions, and where friends may not survive.

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

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 (to taxes) = **\$1,975 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 = **the full \$3,000 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,

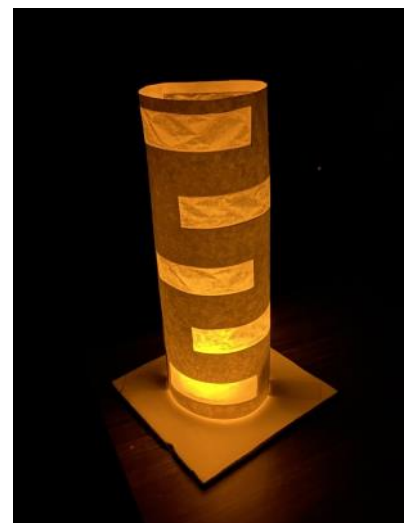
Your Endowment Committee:

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

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**OPPORTUNITY:
ARTS IN WORSHIP**

Looking for a creative outlet? Would you like to become more involved with FPC? Then join us Thursday evenings beginning October 7, 2021 from 5:30–7:30 PM or anytime in-between in the Hospitality Center. October's project will be making paper luminaries in preparation for All Saints' Day, October 31, 2021.



HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A special heartfelt thank you to the prayer warriors for all of your prayers during my surgery and recovery. I felt surrounded by prayers; and it was all due to the prayers of the people. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Phyllis Crews

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THANK YOU FROM THE CARING PLACE

Thank you for your generous donation of use of your parking lot for multiple food truck fundraising events throughout the spring and summer. We hope you will pass along our appreciation to your church leadership. We at The Caring Place are truly thankful for the dedicated community support we receive. Donations like yours brighten the days of our clients and our staff. Your donations also help every dollar donated go that much further as we seek to meet the needs of our clients in shelter.

For 2021, we have set an important community goal: breaking the silence that hides the violence. What if more of us recognized the red flags of domestic abuse? What if we all talked about what healthy relationships look like with our youth? With your support, we know that we can both provide safe shelter and expand our upstream prevention resources to give our youth, our parents, our grandparents, our friends, our coworkers, and our neighbors the resources and support they need to build healthier relationships right from the start.

We know that it takes a village to create the kind of support and wellness that makes our community safe! Thank YOU for being a part of our village! We couldn't do this vital work of completing the circle of support in this community without you. Please spread the word about what we do, break the silence about the violence, and help us nurture healthy relationships in our community!

We are thankful for you!

DEACONS DOINGS

As fall is upon us, we can notice a change in the light-the softness during the day; the curve of the sunset at night.

As Deacons, we try to follow the words of Psalm 119: 130; "The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple." As we meet with our Deacon Friends, we continue to bring light to them, but boy do they give us an abundance of light in return!

Everyone is happy that our church has been able to meet in person again. This simple gesture, makes our homebound Deacon Friends feel like they are worshiping in-person with us also.

John 1:4, states, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." This communal light is what we speak of; complete transparency and love for one another.

May God continue to bless us all!

Cynthia Robinson

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!

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

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

Thank you.

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”) NEWS

We had a great first week at PWNS. We are all wearing masks, and we miss seeing everyone’s smiling faces; but it will be worth it in the end! We spent the week getting to know each other. We love going outside to play on the playground!! Both classes talked about and read a story about pop corn! We ate some for our snack and used some to make a pop corn picture. The pre K class tried 3 different flavors of pop corn and most of the children picked cheese as their favorite kind with caramel as 2nd and butter 3rd!!!! This first month, we will work on recognizing our names and some will be learning to write theirs. We are also talking about shapes and some of our letters.

We want to thank all of the church members who support us. We are blessed to be able to come to this building every day to learn.

Connie Knauff
Dana Hanson
Samantha Lutin
Hannah Scheller

MISSION NEWS

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.



PADS MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITY: PADS INFORMATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL/GYM AT 7:00 P.M.

Anyone that would like to be a PADS volunteer is encouraged to attend a meeting on October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall/gym for an informational meeting. If you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend, please contact Ryne Press at rypress57@yahoo.com.

**CHICAGO MARATHON
TEAM FOX FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH**

MELISSA KLANCER: About 20 years ago, my mom was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. I can remember being in high school and noticing my mom's hands starting to tremor while holding the Sunday bulletin in church. It wasn't until a few years later, we found out she had Parkinson's. This past year has been tremendously hard on my mom. She was going to a Parkinson's program "Rock Steady," a boxing class designed to help the Parkinson's patient with balance and walking, twice a week at the YMCA as well as walking the Y-track upstairs. All of that came to a halt with the COVID pandemic; and she has really started to struggle with her condition. There still remain a lot of unknowns about Parkinson's, and I have decided to run for my Mom in the Chicago Marathon on the Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation ~ **TEAM FOX FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH** ~ that's right I'm going to run 26.2 miles to help raise money for this critically needed research. I'm training now and please know that **All** of your donations, **100%**, will go to Parkinson's Research. Wont you please follow this link to the Michael J Fox Foundation website and sponsor my run?

<https://fundraise.michaeljfox.org/chicagomarathon2021/MelissaKlancer>

P.S. I chose the photo below for my personal site that shows Kim, my Mom, sitting in a neighbors tree swing, holding me, in front of the home I played in and would own 30 years later. ♥



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**OCTOBER'S SECOND MILE OFFERING IS RECEIVED FOR
PEACEKEEPING PROGRAM MINISTRY**

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, a mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a program of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, in urgent response to the overwhelming culture of violence in our world is:

WORKING TOWARD...

Transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace.
Responding with the community to...

- ◆ Inspire new approaches to active peacemaking,
- ◆ Equip God's people to be compassionate and prophetic peacemakers,
- ◆ Connect communities of peace to learn from each other in shared accompaniment and take action together for the transformation of the world.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

Another year of hard work and learning is under way! Show the college students in your life some love by sending an FPCV College Care Package. Simply email the student name and correct mailing address (using the school's accepted mailing format) to kencrews@fpcvalpo.org by October 16, 2021 and the Presbys' youth group will send a mid-semester care package full of goodies and love!

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TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 22nd

6:30pm-8:00pm

6:00pm setup and decoration for those passing out treats.

Email kencrews@fpcvalpo.org to register a car.

FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC!



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“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!”

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

ANOTHER FPCV M.M.O. IS HAPPENING!!!

Give the household chef a well deserved vacation day, gather up friends and even some of our church family and have lunch or dinner out all while supporting a great restaurant and our very own Buildings & Grounds!



DINE **TO** DONATE



Wings Etc. Valparaiso is donating **15%** of all pre-tax food & soft drink sales on **Monday, October 18th** to **First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso**

Come to Wings Etc. at **501 North Silhavy, Valparaiso, IN.** between **11am** and **11pm.** Show this flyer on your smartphone to your server so you can support the cause. Thanks!





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.

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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

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.

CALENDAR

Friday, October 01, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS PWNS Classrooms

Saturday, October 02, 2021

Sunday, October 03, 2021—Called Meeting of the Congregation

9:00 AM Faith Formation for All Ages CE Rooms

9:00 AM Exploring Membership 101 (Revised)

10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed Pavilion

6:00 PM Presbys 100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 04, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS PWNS Classrooms

5:30 PM Christian Education Team Online

7:00 PM Scouts Troop 920 Pavilion, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 05, 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 FPC

6:00 PM Building and Grounds Friendship Room

6:00 PM Sweet Adelines Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/FR

6:15 PM Worship Team Online

Wednesday, October 06, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS PWNS Classrooms

10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study Friendship Room

5:30 PM iEngage Team Meeting Online

Thursday, October 07, 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 Chapel

5:30 PM Arts in Worship Project* Hospitality Center

6:30 PM Awakening Team Meeting FPC

6:30 PM Choir FPC

7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal FPC

Friday, October 08, 2021

9:00 AM PWNS PWNS Classrooms

Saturday, October 09, 2021

**denotes see page 3 of the Tidings for additional information.*

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 10, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | Faith Formation Classes | CE Rooms |
| 9:00 AM | Exploring Membership | 101 (Revised) |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed | Pavilion |
| 11:00 AM | Congregational Life Team (Revised Date) | FPC |
| 6:00 PM | Presbys | 100, Fellowship Hall |

Monday, October 11, 2021

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| 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, October 12, 2021

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| 10:00 AM | Men's Bible Study | Friendship Room |
| 1:30 PM | Bulletin Notes Meeting | FPC |
| 6:00 PM | Sweet Adelines | Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/FR |
| 6:30 PM | Mission Team | TBD |

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 10:00 AM | Wed. Morning Bible Study | Friendship Room |
| 7:00 PM | Finance Team | 154, 155 |
| 7:00 PM | PADS Informational Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Matthew 25 Team | Friendship Room |

Thursday, October 14, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
| 11:00 AM | Agenda Meeting (Rescheduled) | Online/FPC |
| 3:30 PM | Disciples Bible Study | 101 |
| 5:00 PM | Bell Choir | Chapel |
| 5:30 PM | Arts in Worship Project* | Hospitality Center |
| 6:30 PM | Awakening Team Meeting | FPC |
| 6:30 PM | Choir | FPC |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | FPC |

Friday, October 15, 2021

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| 7:00 AM | Minutes/Reports Due for Session Packet | Email Office |
| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |

Saturday, October 16, 2021

**denotes see page 3 of the Tidings for additional information.*

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17, 2021—**Celebration Sunday**

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| 9:00 AM | Faith Formation for All Ages | CE Rooms |
| 9:00 AM | Exploring Membership | 101 (Revised) |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed | Pavilion / Streamed |
| 6:00 PM | Presbys | 100, Fellowship Hall |

Monday, October 18, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| ** | Monthly Meal Out: Wings, Etc. (11 a.m.–11 p.m.) | Valparaiso Restaurant |
| 7:00 PM | Scouts Troop 920 | Pavilion, Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Nominating Committee | 154, 155 |

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 10:00 AM | Men's Bible Study | Friendship Room |
| 1:00 PM | DAR Group | Friendship Room |
| 1:30 PM | Bulletin Notes Meeting | FPC |
| 6:00 PM | Sweet Adelines | Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/ FH/FR |

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 10:00 AM | Wed. Morning Bible Study | Friendship Room |
| 7:00 PM | Session Meeting | 154/155 / Zoom |

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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| 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 | Chapel |
| 5:30 PM | Arts in Worship Project* | Hospitality Center |
| 6:30 PM | Awakening Team Meeting | FPC |
| 6:30 PM | Choir | FPC |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | FPC |

Friday, October 22, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 6:00 PM | Decorate Cars for Trunk or Treat | FPC Parking Lot |
| 6:30 PM | Trunk or Treat | FPC Parking Lot |

Saturday, October 23, 2021

**denotes see page 3 of the Tidings for additional information.*

****denotes Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)**

Monday, October 18, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Wings, Etc.

501 N. Shilhavy

Valparaiso, In 46383

*15% of the pre tax total will go back to FPCV in support of
Building and Grounds if FPC Fundraiser is mentioned/flyer on page 9 of the Tidings presented
when ordering.*

CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | Faith Formation for All Ages | CE Rooms |
| 9:00 AM | Exploring Membership | 101 (Revised) |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed | Pavilion |
| 6:00 PM | Presbys | 100, Fellowship Hall |

Monday, October 25, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 7:00 PM | Scouts Troop 920 | Pavilion, Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 10:00 AM | Men's Bible Study | Friendship Room |
| 1:30 PM | Bulletin Notes Meeting | FPC |
| 6:00 PM | Sweet Adelines | Sanctuary/Chapel/148/149/FH/ FR |
| 6:00 PM | Deacons Meeting | Friendship Room |

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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

Thursday, October 28, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 9:30 AM | PWNS Trick or Treat | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
| 3:30 PM | Disciples Bible Study | 101 |
| 5:00 PM | Bell Choir | Chapel |
| 5:30 PM | Arts in Worship Project* | Hospitality Center |
| 6:30 PM | Awakening Team Meeting | FPC |
| 6:30 PM | Choir | FPC |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | FPC |

Friday, October 29, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | PWNS | PWNS Classrooms |
| 9:30 AM | PWNS Trick or Treat | Fellowship Hall |

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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| 9:00 AM | Faith Formation for All Ages | CE Rooms |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed | Pavilion |
| 6:00 PM | Presbys | 100, Fellowship Hall |

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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>

**FINANCIAL REPORT
AUGUST 2021**

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Month Income | \$24,193 | YTD Income | \$259,549 |
| Month Expenses | <u>(35,412)</u> | YTD Expenses | <u>(288,336)</u> |
| Over/Short | <u>(\$11,219)</u> | | <u>(\$28,787)</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!

CHURCH PUPPETS AND POSSIBILITIES!



Watch for an upcoming article in the November Tidings and First Notes that may give you a smile and a glimpse into the ongoing history of our Puppet Ministry over the years since the 1980's (*and maybe a unique opportunity for the puppets to make an special return appearance in the future.*)

Here's a chance for you to contribute: Send a sentence or two of a memory about these Muppet puppets to czcole1@comcast.net and "stay tuned for the rest of the story" in November.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday, October 3, 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

The Presbyterian Resale Shop completed our merchandise “changeover” and reopened on September 7th with all new fall and winter items. In our first week we took in almost \$5,000! We are blessed to have great customers, quality merchandise and fantastic volunteers. We are excited to see all the ways we can help others in our community.

Remember to “like” us on Facebook to see a sampling of our merchandise and to follow our special sales.

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
nana6987@hotmail.com



ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Paul Knauff 10/3, 10/10, 10/24,
10/31
Mike Becker 10/17

Close: Ryne Press

COMMUNION SERVERS

October 3 Jacki Phillips
Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

October 31 Marc Buehler
Mary Brown
Karen Mitseff

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

October 3 Jacki Phillips
October 17 Ron Scott
October 31 Marc Buehler

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

October 10 Nancy Porter
October 24 John Rittel

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

October 3 TBC
October 10 Linda Long
October 17 Matthew Byerly
October 24 Elizabeth Monroe
October 31 Presbys

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 1
Diana Austin
Ellen Corley
Pat Haas

October 2
Kade Borlick
Isabel Gordon

October 3
Sydney Hughes

October 4
Mary Jayne Shurr

October 5
Jill McGonigle

October 6
Ralph Greenawald
Fran Morrison

October 7
Ben Hoham
Bruce Roth

October 8
Colleen Falk

October 9
Samantha Coen

October 10
Jackie Bernal
Kassie Stanko

October 11
Henry Hoham

October 12
Becky Bluhm
Jacki Phillips

October 13
Barry Hughes
Alexa Olling

October 14
Trish Lawson

October 15
Patrick Thomas

October 17
Jeremiah Giles
Cindy Robinson

October 18
Marita Banta-Long
Judy Johnson
Lauren Skadberg

October 21
Glen Buford
Kylee Stanko

October 22
Ben Bennett
Kent Richardson

October 24
Linda Hartlerode
Janice Reichard

October 26
Jason Gordon
Phebe Klapp

October 28
Pat Lane

October 29
Lisa Thomas

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 | E-MAIL ADDRESS |
|--|---------------------------|
| Pastor Kim Adams | kadams@fpcvalpo.org |
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| Pastor Nancy Becker, Parish Associate | mnbecker3@gmail.com |
| Ann Carlson, pianist | ann_kieth@yahoo.com |
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| Ken Crews, Director of CE & Youth Ministry | kencrews@fpcvalpo.org |
| Susan Davis, Business Manager | sdavis@fpcvalpo.org |
| Brad Dirks, Organist | bdirks@comcast.net |
| Dan Higgins, Custodian | |
| Valarie Smart Higgins, Custodian | |
| Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session | churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org |
| Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator | dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org |
| Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology | jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org |

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



First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso (public) and
FPCVALPO (closed)