# TIDINGS

## OCTOBER 2024

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

3401 North Valparaiso Street Valparaiso, IN 46383 Phone: (219) 464-4985

Mission Statement: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name



## **BREAD FOR THE WORLD**



#### October 3rd 6:30 pm Light of the World Christian Church 4646 N Michigan Rd Indianapolis IN 46228

Our friends at Bread for the World are hosting an event called Nourish Our Future: Seeds of Hope for Indiana's Children at Light of the World Christian Church on October 3rd.

This event is all about bringing our voices together to support the expansion of the Child Tax Credit. As you may know, the Child Tax Credit has been instrumental in reducing child poverty and hunger by providing essential financial support to low-income families. This support helps families afford basic necessities like food, ensuring a brighter future for all children.

We are gathering to learn from experts, hear testimonies from those whose lives have been changed by the Child Tax Credit, and call on Senator Todd Young to champion this important cause.

It's an opportunity to transform our shared concerns into action and make a meaningful change for many families right here in Indiana. We believe that by coming together, we can lift 50% of Hoosier children out of poverty.

Please join us on October 3rd to lend your voice to this important cause. Together, we can advocate for policies that make a real difference in the lives of children and families in need.

Visit go.bread.org/page/66040 for more information or to register!



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## **Opportunities**

## PADS MINISTRY INFORMATION Volunteers Needed!

FPCV hosts PADS on Wednesday evening 6:00 PM through Thursday morning 7:00 AM October 16, 2024, through April 9, 2025.

PADS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency shelter for men in our community. PADS offers a comprehensive approach to combating homelessness with the compassion and respect all deserve.

FPCV is transformed each Wednesday so that we can serve dinner that evening, provide a warm and comfortable place to sleep, and serve breakfast on Thursday morning. Last year we averaged 8-12 men per week.

PADS is for men only, who are in the program at New Creation to help them find jobs and housing so that they no longer need to be part of the PADS program. In the past years many men have succeeded in finding jobs and housing. We celebrate them!

FPCV is a cooperative effort with other area congregations and the community in general. Anyone can volunteer to help. A volunteer form needs to be completed. St Andrews Church and Trinity Lutheran Church help FPCV with volunteers, dinners, bedding and supplies.

There are MANY ways to Help!!

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Set up Fellowship Hall. No heavy lifting, children can help
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Intake. Welcome and Check in the men on the qualified list from New Creation
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Help Dan Higgins greet the men, filling any of their needs, eat dinner with them and spend time with them until lights out at 10:00 p.m.
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Supervise the men as they sleep. Talk to Beth Germann or Ryne Press if interested
2:00 AM - 6:00 AM	Supervise the men as they sleep. Talk to Beth Germann or Ryne Press if interested
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Make breakfast, serve it and help clean up

Signup sheets are in the Hospitality Center for both providing meals and shifts

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## **ADVENT ART WORKSHOP**

Please join us for an Advent Art Workshop as we will be creating a paper lace art piece for display in our sanctuary during Advent:

November 7, 14, and 21, 2024 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *More details to follow.* 

## HEARTFELT THANK YOUS

I would like to extend a very grateful thank you to June and Stan Olling for providing and delivering beautiful corn stalks for the decorating of our front signage at Valparaiso and Bullseye St. It is so much appreciated!

Many blessings and thank you.

Welcome Fall!

Sincerely,

Sandi Roth

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Ken and I would like to thank our church family for the support and condolences we received for my mother, Frances Martinez. Your kind words brought us comfort during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

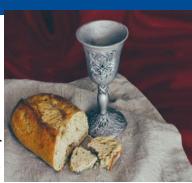
Ken and Olga Koch

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

#### Communion will be served on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Worship

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the abovecaptioned 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.







## **BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY**

LUNCH & PRAYER Join Pastor Julia as she guides us through the next leg of the journey in the Sensible Shoes series:

*Two Steps Forward* by pastor and spiritual director Sharon Garlough Brown with continuing prayer and Scripture reading practices from Christian tradition.

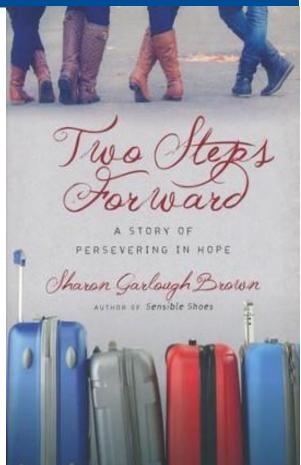
> This is an 8 week offering: Sundays through Oct. 27th

12pm-2pm in the Friendship Room (Sept. 29th in rooms 154/155)

All are welcome to bring a sack lunch on gathering dates.

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

Those interested feel free to email Pastor Julia at jzhao@fpcvalpo.org



## 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 <u>dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org</u>

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: <u>dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org</u>.

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

#### THANK YOU!

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

We have had a great start to school! Students are settling in and learning our routines. This month both classes will go on our first field trip to the Coulter's Pumpkin Patch in Westville. We will also have Halloween parties on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st. Both classes will do our annual trick or treat through the halls of the church around 9:15 AM on the party days. If you want to hand out candy either day, please email us at <u>fpp@fpcvalpo.org</u> to find out more information.

## **CRAFT FAIR OPPORTUNITY**



If interested, please fill out and submit the application form found on next page. \*Please note spots are <u>not</u> guaranteed until registration form and fee are received. Questions? tlawson@fpcvalpo.org









VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM 2024 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show Saturday November 2, 2024 9am-3pm 3401 N. Valparaiso St. Valparaiso, In, 46383 Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$25 (1 table and 2 chairs) \*\*Additional tables are \$25 each\*\*

PAYABLE IN FULL AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Check or Money Orders payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, 3401 N. Valparaiso St. Valparaiso, In 46383 (Spots are NOT reserved until the registration forms and fees are turned in)

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**Electrical	l and end spots are limited ar	nd are on a first come, first serve basis.
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There will b	e two options for set up this	year. You may choose to come Friday night from 5-7pm enter
at door C o	r you can choose to come and	d set up Saturday as early as 7am.
Choose 1:	Friday night set up	Saturday morning set up
Any	questions please reach out:	Trish Lawson 219-671-1205 or tmlawson77@yahoo.com

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS** 



FPCV Family,

Faith Formation is making our annual Halloween candy plea for this year's Trunk or Treat. Donations are appreciated and will be received until Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Donations can be placed in the bin located in the Narthex. Thank you so much!



JOIN FPCV AND ISAAC WALTON LOA (PCC) FOR OUR ANNUAL Gamily Nature Night & Trunk or Treat Including the all new Spooky Nature Walk 3401 N Valparaiso St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 Thursday, October 24, 2024

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS, CONTINUED

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso's 3rd Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

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Anonymously drop off your decorated pumpkin anytime during church hours October 1st through October 25th. Paint, markers and glue are welcome; **please do not carve or scrape.** 

**VOTING:** Have a favorite pumpkin or 2...or more?! Bring in non-perishable items for the food pantry and place the items behind your favorite pumpkin(s).

Get creative and have fun!

# Sunday Morning Teen Bible Study

With Jim Peyton Starting Sunday October 6th 9am-9:45am Room 154 Bring your Bible and get ready for some great discussions!

## **PLANNED GIVING NEWS**

## **Recent Gifts**

With sincere appreciation and gratitude on behalf of our congregation, we are pleased to announce receipt of an anonymous gift for scholarships directed to new high school graduates and adult students beginning or continuing a post-secondary academic or technical program of studies. The gift is to be fully distributed over time at the discretion of FPCV's Scholarship Committee.

## An Upcoming Event.....

Join us this November for an: Estate Planning Program

First Presbyterian Church: Thursday, November 14 at 7:00PM Friendship Room

#### Dear Friends,

Christian Stewardship is not only about giving one's time, talent and treasure to one's church and other worthy causes. It is also about effectively stewarding personal resources so that your needs and those of your loved ones are met in a way that allows you and your loved ones to flourish and give back. And, as much as most of us don't want to consider it, this also includes planning ahead for the disposition of our assets to heirs and causes we have valued in life as well as a plan for our underage children and other dependents should anything unexpected and untimely happen to us. Dear friends, effective Christian stewardship is about personal responsibility, family responsibility and our responsibility to others.

**S0**....on behalf of your Planned Giving Team.....whether you are younger or older; married or single; a parent, grandparent or currently neither ...

*Come join us*: to learn more about the fundamentals of a useful and appropriate Estate Plan from:

#### Timothy Scannell, CPA, CFP® Managing Partner at HighTower Great Lakes

*Come join us:* and enjoy fellowship over dessert, coffee or tea as the nights become a bit longer and cooler.

**Register by November 11:** to ensure we are properly prepared for you and others who wish to attend the program by contacting: Kathy Joseph at: <u>kjjoseph@comcast.net</u> or 1-219-464-1144.

## INFORMED GIVING... IF YOU ARE 70 1/2 OR OLDER AND HAVE AN IRA

Since they doubled the standard deduction, ninety percent of us can no longer take a tax deduction for money we give to the church. However, we can eliminate the taxes due on any money we take from an IRA... IF the money is sent directly from our account to the church.

At age 70 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, we may begin to <u>voluntarily</u> take money from an IRA.

Those of us, 73 or older, <u>must</u> take a specified amount, our Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), from our IRA each year. Any time we take money out of an IRA, we must pay the taxes we avoided when we put the money in.

Here is an example:

Assume Mary's RMD requires her to take \$3,000 out of her IRA this year. She also wants to give \$3,000 to the church for The Sharing Table.

Option 1) She can have this money sent to herself. It is considered income, and she would pay \$720 more income tax (if she is in the 24% tax bracket). \$3,000-(\$720 taxes) = \$2,280.

She has only \$2,280 to give to the church because she will owe \$720 at tax time.

Option 2a) She can request her RMD money be sent <u>directly</u> to First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso, and she <u>would pay no taxes on this money</u>. \$3,000-\$0 = \$3,000 will be transferred in her name to the church!

The government takes \$0 in taxes!

Option 2b) If she wants to donate only \$2,000 directly to the church, she can have the remaining \$1,000 (\$760 after taxes) sent to herself.

Donations from your IRA (required or voluntary) transferred directly to the church are called: **Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD'S).** 

So, if Mary has the check sent to her, <u>she only has \$2,280 to give to the church after paying the taxes.</u>

By having the money sent directly to the church (via a QCD), Mary can donate the full \$3,000!

All it takes is a phone call to the custodian of your IRA (or your accountant/financial advisor). They can help you set up the process (paperwork) and timing for sending out your QCD checks this year. To avoid the steep penalty for forgetting to take your RMD, it might be wise to consider this option soon for this year.

Doug Hollar, Planned Giving Team

## **DEACONS DOINGS**

Those church friends the Deacons visit often have very long days and appreciate hearing from others in the church. If you need their addresses, please call Sharon Harris at 219-462-2582.

We are glad for Sheya Bennett making the gluten free communion bread that is served for our time of communion.

Mark your calendars for the church craft fair which has the Deacons Cookie Walk on November 2, 2024 Saturday (9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.). In last month's Deacon Doings it was suggested we all dust off our cookie sheets and baking pans. We welcome you to join the Deacons for this if you love to bake.

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.

Someone suggested this is also a wonderful way to help our older friends and family members who are no longer baking to be able to serve homemade cookies, nut rolls and breads at their holiday gatherings. Get their list of "wishes" and come shop for them on November 2, 2024.

Family Nature Night is again planned for October 24th. Watch for more news about this very special time. This is open to the church and our community.

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

December will again bring the time for Advent Bags to be delivered to our home bound friends. We are thankful for your support in contributing to these 25 bags going out to help our friends celebrate Advent. If you have questions as to needed items, please contact Betty Richardson at 219-242-3667.

God will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for others. -Hebrew 6:10 (NLT)



## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS**

As Christians, we are called to be loving, caring and generous people. As a volunteer with the Presbyterian Church Resale Shop, I thought I was "doing my bit." This year, I have had the opportunity to hand deliver donation checks to seven local non-profit organizations. My eyes have been opened to the tremendous needs in our community and to the wide range of services that these groups attempt to provide.



The Resale Shop is not just giving money. We are supporting real people with critical needs. We are helping to provide affordable housing, safe shelters, food and services for those struggling with addiction and mental and physical disabilities.

Our volunteers are working every day to live into our Matthew 25 pledge.

I urge you to join me in this mission opportunity. I invite you to have your eyes opened too.

Mary Linda Scott Co-Moderator Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team <u>nana6987@hotmail.com</u> 231-590-5799 You've probably remembered that we have new neighbors in Valparaiso who fled from Venezuela and last spring were legally granted asylum to enter the US. This family of six includes Luz (mom), Nolberto (dad), Andrea, Stevan, Sebastian and Miguel. They live near our church and are slowly getting integrated into our community. Two of the children attend a local school, two are enrolled at another local school in the dual-language program. Miguel was welcomed to our preschool for a few weeks after their arrival this past spring, so they are not strangers to some of us.



Life for them is unquestionably challenging each day right now. Upon arriving, they spoke little English and had nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are learning English slowly, but Luz in particular is pretty quick with using Google Translate in a conversation! Our social benefits system for families who arrive with nothing is a labyrinth of administrative processes. There is a multitude of application paperwork, medical appointments, newfangled benefits cards, how to get "cash back" to pay for needs beyond food, reporting requirements, going through driver's training again with an Indiana learner's permit, and other similar cultural, language and procedural hurdles to get past. Regional Catholic Charities relief funds, the support agency assigned to the family by the government, have dried up after three months although the family and their Valpo support group were told initially they could expect six months of rental support.

Mom has a part-time job, and Dad has been working part-time in Winfield, but started a full-time job in Valpo on September 16th. They continue to look for affordable childcare for their kindergartener. Currently, they rely upon their bicycles and volunteer drivers to get around until the dad gets an Indiana driver's license (six months waiting period, with a pending request to waive that requirement) and a family car. FPCV is part of the selforganizing "Valparaiso Refugee Family Support Group" that has been meeting regularly once we knew for sure in February that the family was approved. So far, our joint reserve funds have been enough as we walk with the family during their first months. They are working hard toward self-sufficiency and a sense of belonging in Valpo. Christ Lutheran Church's social justice folks have welcomed two of us from FPCV's Mission Team to join the "executive team" for planning, decisions and actions to support these new neighbors. Christ Lutheran folks have done the heavy lifting, but our Mission Team budget and a few individual directed donations provided some temporary rent support in Costa Rica while they were awaiting US processing for their entry applications. Our Mission Team helped with cell phones when they first arrived, move-in assistance and some gifts of used furnishings, summer camp and swim lessons at the Y for the kids this summer, and partial support for a threebedroom apartment.

This "VRF Support Group" is forecasting, based on the experience of other newly arrived and governmentsanctioned refugees, that it will take around \$15,000 during the first year to supplement the family's entry-level earnings and benefits to support the six of them while they get settled in our community. Already, the family is budgeting and working closely on job referrals and references, relying on community resources like our Presbyterian Church Resale Shop and the Christian Food Pantry and Hilltop, and benefits like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food stamp) and (limited) temporary assistance for needy families. The kids are getting around town with bikes and the V-Line. A team of volunteers drive them to employment opportunities not served by the V-Line, take them to medical and agency appointments, make trips to the grocery store and food pantries, serve as translators in appointments and meetings when needed, tutor the children in English on their homework, and the like.

This fall we have been pondering "**What we were made for...**" One answer that echoes each Sunday is what Matthew 25 teaches us: "Love God and love your neighbor." Jesus tells us, "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." <u>Anyone interested in making a special gift can do so through our FPCV mission fund for Immigrant Relief</u>. <u>Any volunteer with some time to be a driver when there is need, such as a trip to shop for groceries or to take Mom or Dad to the food pantry can make that known by contacting Linda Long at 219-707-2091. The Mission Team welcomes all of us willing to pitch in, however you are moved by the Spirit. These are our neighbors, right down the street.</u>

-The Mission Team of First Presbyterian Church

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 2:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM 2:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Thursday, October 3, 2024 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM Friday, October 4, 2024 Saturday, October 5, 2024 Sunday, October 6, 2024 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM Monday, October 7, 2024 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 6:00 PM Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM Friday, October 11, 2024 Saturday, October 12, 2024

Men's Bible Study	101
PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
Membership Team	154, 155
Scouts	FPC
Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Planned Giving	101
Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
Building and Grounds	154, 155
Stewardship Team Meeting	154, 155
Disciples Bible Study	101
Faith Formation Team	144, 145
Worship Team	154, 155
The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
Choir	Sanctuary
Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Faith Formation	Classrooms
Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Congregational Life Team	FPC
Two Steps Forward - Book Club	Friendship Room
Men's Bible Study	101
Men's Bible Study	101
Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
Scouts	FPC
Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Preschool Team Meeting	FPC
Mission Team	154, 155
Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
Disciples Bible Study	101
iEngage Team Meeting	Online
MT Meeting	Friendship Room
The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
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Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Monday, October 14, 2024 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM Friday, October 18, 2024 Saturday, October 19, 2024 Sunday, October 20, 2024 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Monday, October 21, 2024 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 22, 2024 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM Friday, October 25, 2024 Saturday, October 26, 2024

Faith Formation Classrooms Worship Svc. Live & Streamed\* FPC, Online Two Steps Forward - Book Club Friendship Room 101 Men's Bible Study Men's Bible Study 101 Hospitality Center **Bulletin Notes Meeting** Scouts FPC Sweet Adelines Fellowship Hall Wed. Morning Bible Study 101 **Disciples Bible Study** 101 PADS Ministry FPC Finance Team 154, 155 The Comfort Stitchers 154.155 Handbell Choir Sanctuary Choir Sanctuary Worship Team Rehearsal Sanctuary **Faith Formation** Classrooms Worship Svc. Live & Streamed\* FPC, Online Two Steps Forward - Book Club Friendship Room Men's Bible Study 101 101 Men's Bible Study **Bulletin Notes Meeting** Hospitality Center Scouts FPC Sweet Adelines Fellowship Hall Deacons Team Meeting 154, 155 Wed. Morning Bible Study 101 Disciples Bible Study 101 FPC PADS Ministry Session Meeting 154, 155 The Comfort Stitchers 154, 155 Handbell Choir Sanctuary Trunk or Treat/Family Nature Night FPC Choir Sanctuary Worship Team Rehearsal Sanctuary

## CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27, 2024		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	Classrooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
12:00 PM	Two Steps Forward - Book Club	Friendship Room
Monday, October 28, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, October 29, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 30, 2024		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	PADS Ministry	FPC
Thursday, October 31, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream, www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW\_pTQ, or www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 1 Diana Austin Ellen Corley Pat Haas

October 2 Kade Borlick Isabel Gordon

October 3 Sydney Hughes

October 6 Ralph Greenawald

October 7 Ben Hoham Bruce Roth

October 9 Samantha Coen

October 10 Kassie Stanko

October 11 Henry Hoham

October 12 Jacki Phillips

October 14 Trish Lawson

October 15 Patrick Thomas

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

October 17 Jeremiah Giles Cindy Robinson

October 18 Marita Banta-Long Lauren Skadberg

October 21 Glen Buford Kylee Stanko

October 22 Kent Richardson

October 24 Linda Hartlerode

October 26 Jason Gordon

October 28 Pat Lane

October 29 Lisa Thomas

## **MINISTRY ROSTER**

#### **Sexton**

Open:	Paul Knauff
Close:	Dan Higgins

## **ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE**

Oct. 6	Matthew Byerly
Oct. 20	Jeanne Turner

## **DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE**

Oct. 13	Gina Peyton
Oct. 27	Jim Peyton

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Oct. 6	Matthew Byerly
Oct. 13	Elizabeth Monroe
Oct. 20	Jeanne Turner
Oct. 27	Molly

## **Ushers Schedule**

Oct. 6	Jason Adams Doug Hollar Judy Hollar
Oct. 13	Elizabeth Monroe TBD Molly
Oct. 20	Kathy Joseph Jerry Kahrs Steve Scarborough
Oct. 27	Steve Scarborough Denise Walker Mike Walker

## **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Oct. 6 Matthew Byerly Michael McKee Ryne Press

## **COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP**

Oct. 6

June Olling

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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John Stocks, Custodian	
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.

Elders of Session	Ministry Team
Matthew Byerly	iEngage*   Worship Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team   Adult Faith Formation*
Jerry Kahrs	. Finance   Building and Grounds*
Harry Karabel	iEngage Team   Worship Team*
Linda Long	. Mission
Elizabeth Monroe	. Membership Team   Nominating Team   Stewardship Team*
Kathryne Penninga	Worship Team   Congregational Life*   Mission *
Ron Phillips	. Adult Faith Formation Team   Faith Formation Team*
Rose Ross	. Congregational Life
Jeanne Turner	. Stewardship Team   Membership*
Chip Wilkes	Personnel Team*   Finance Team*

\*denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons Beth Germann, Moderator <u>Personnel Team</u> Jim Hubbard, Moderator

<u>Clerk of Session Pro Tem</u> Jim Hubbard

<u>Planned Giving Committee</u> Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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

