

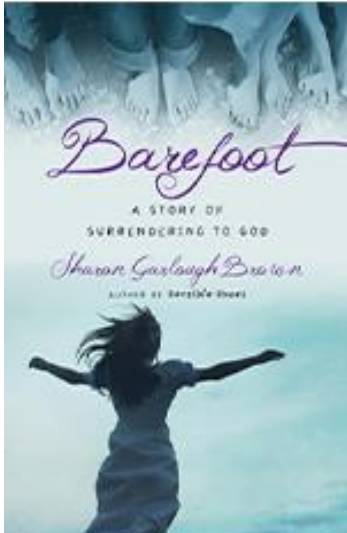
First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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

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



OPPORTUNITY: BOOK CLUB, BROWN BAG LUNCH & PRAYER



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

Barefoot

by pastor and spiritual director
Sharon Garlough Brown

with continuing prayer and Scripture reading practices from our Christian tradition.

This is an 8-week offering: Sundays,
January 5th through March 2nd
(skipping January 19th)
12pm-2pm in the
Friendship Room ***Feel free to bring a sack lunch.***

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

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

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION FEBRUARY 2, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025, following 10:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of receiving the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 Operating Budget, presenting the names of officers for the Corporation as elected by Session, approving the Terms of Call, and receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee on the Members-at-Large nominations to the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

**PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE GIVE WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
AND
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DOTTIE STAATS**

The service information is as follows:

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

Date: January 11, 2025

Visitation: 9:30 a.m.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Please keep the Staats family in your prayers.

Peace be with you.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

RED CROSS RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

Please find excerpts from the article, “Due to Blackfeet Tribe tradition, he never donated blood but now his perspective has completely shifted” by Isabel Anderson, Cascades Regional Communications Manager outlining the Red Cross Recipient Spotlight below.

Due to this tradition, Dwayne never donated blood but now his perspective has completely shifted and so has the perspective of those around him.

When talking to his spiritual leader he was told: “The story that you have, it has changed people’s lives on the reservation because it goes back to: if we didn’t give blood, we would’ve lost Dwayne.”

Dwayne often shares his story with the people around him and ultimately, this has changed the views about blood donation among his friends and family.

“My children – give blood. My mom was against it – she gives blood. My dad, before he passed away, was against it and gave blood. My sisters give blood.”

Before Dwayne was critically injured and needed blood, he never thought he would donate his own blood. After he experienced first-hand what incredible impact blood donations have, he lives with a new philosophy: “Before something happens and you have to draw blood, why don’t you give blood now and save people?” Now Dwayne is working his way towards his second gallon milestone and a proud blood donor.

Whatever motivates you, it’s never too late to donate for the first time. You can donate blood by visiting redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

PRAYER AND 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.

bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year! Our Pre-K class is busy learning our letters and numbers, while our Early Learners are learning our colors and shapes. We will have parent/teacher conferences this month. Our preschool always welcomes volunteers. Please email fpp@fpcvalpo.org with any inquiries!

PADS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PADS HELP NEEDED

PADS will continue at our church every Wednesday evening through Thursday morning in January. Thank you for your help with the homeless men in our community.

January 9: Breakfast at 6:00 am
January 22: Dinner at 7:30 pm
January 23: Breakfast at 6:00 am
January 29: Dinner at 7:30 pm
January 30: Breakfast at 6:00 am

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FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



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

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY
FROM
THE VOLUNTEERS OF YOUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP!**



2024 was a fantastic year at the Resale Shop. Our sales totaled about \$90,000 and we donated \$36,000 in cash to fourteen different local organizations. In addition to cash donations, we supported several other local groups with excess items we were unable to sell.

We currently have about forty active volunteers who support our mission by greeting customers at the sales counter or working in the backroom sorting and pricing donations. Both areas are critical to our success and due to the volume of donations we receive we need more help!

The Resale Shop is truly a Matthew 25 initiative of our Church as well as a great way to meet people, get involved and have fun! Two hours per week volunteering with us could change your life and help us further our work. Please consider joining us in 2025.

Mary Linda Scott
Co-Moderator
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

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

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

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

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

THANK YOU!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

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

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



CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1, 2025		
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, January 2, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 3, 2025		
Saturday, January 4, 2025		
Sunday, January 5, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
12:00 PM	Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer	Friendship Room
Monday, January 6, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 7, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 8, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, January 9, 2025		
9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
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
Friday, January 10, 2025		
Saturday, January 11, 2025		
9:30 AM	Visitation Fellowship	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Memorial Service - Dottie Staats	Sanctuary

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
12:00 PM	Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer	101
Monday, January 13, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 14, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	100, Online
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
6:30 PM	Preschool Planning Team	101, 100
Wednesday, January 15, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Finance Team Meeting	154, 155
7:00 PM	We Make IN Partnership Event	Friendship Room
Thursday, January 16, 2025		
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
Friday, January 17, 2025		
Saturday, January 18, 2025		
Sunday, January 19, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, January 20, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 21, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Friendship Room
4:00 PM	Preschool Team	101
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 22, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, January 23, 2025		
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
Friday, January 24, 2025		
Saturday, January 25, 2025		

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
12:00 PM	Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer	Friendship Room
Monday, January 27, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 28, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 29, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, January 30, 2025		
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
Friday, January 31, 2025		

* 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 1 Rose Ross	January 18 Brad Dirks
January 3 Beverly Dudek	January 20 Stacey Buehler Ethan Luick
January 5 Mary Brown	January 22 Olga Koch
January 6 Matthew Byerly Judy Hollar	January 25 Lynsey Buehler
January 7 Sharon Harris	January 29 Bill Baltas Aubree Hughes Amy Press
January 9 Ruth Dickey	January 31 Bob Sopata
January 10 Todd Coffin	
January 11 Owen Crews Ginger Hedrick	
January 12 Pat Lowe	
January 15 Kennedy Thomas	
January 16 Jason Adams Judy Schumacher	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON
Open: Mike Becker
Close: Jim Hubbard

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE
Jan. 5 Rose Ross
Jan. 19 Jerry Kahrs

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE
Jan. 12 TBD
Jan. 26 Paul Knauff

LITURGIST SCHEDULE
Jan. 5 TBD
Jan. 12 TBD
Jan. 19 Jerry Kahrs
Jan. 26 Presbys

COMMUNION SERVERS
Jan. 5 Rose Ross
TBD
TBD

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP
Jan. 5 Bonnie Swarner

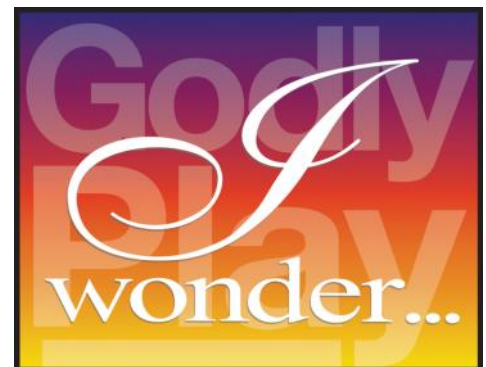
**Sunday Morning
Teen
Bible Study**

With Jim Peyton
9am-9:45am in Room 154
Bring your Bible and get ready for
some great discussions!

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE EXPLORE ALL THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE THROUGH WONDER & PLAY.

Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in room 144 for
Music with Mr. Harry.
Followed by our Godly Play lesson in room 141.
Class will conclude at 9:45 a.m. when children will be
led to the Prayground in the Sanctuary.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to:
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation at
tlawson@fpcvalpo.org



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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*
Jim Gray	Mission
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team* Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs	Finance Building and Grounds*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson.....	iEngage Team*
Linda Long	Mission**
Kathryne Penninga	Worship Team Nominating Committee *
Rose Ross	Congregational Life
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.
 **denotes Vice Moderator

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk & Moderator of Membership

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

Treasurer

Linda Long

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