

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 19, 2022

The January Session welcomed the new elders Linda Long, Karen Mitseff, Elizabeth Monroe and Ron Phillips, as they join Session to begin 2022. This first 2022 meeting ran a little over three hours as this initial meeting for 2022 had lots to discuss and to address prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

➤ **Annual Meeting of the Congregation:**

- ◆ It was noted that a quorum for the Annual Meeting is 10% of our membership and it will be extremely difficult to have a virtual meeting for those who would prefer to attend virtually.
- ◆ Therefore, the Annual Meeting WILL NOT be a Zoom meeting, however, all the materials such as the 2021 Annual Report, the 2022 Budget and Terms of Call for Pastor Kim will be available to be mailed upon request to members not in attendance.

➤ **Elder Training:** The topic of this month's elder training was very appropriate: The Church and Civil Authority: How our church is structured as a Corporation with Trustees and how it operates. FPCV is a corporation with a President, Secretary, a Treasurer and members. The President and the Secretary of the corporation are elected from among the Trustees who are the elders serving on Session, but that same requirement is not in place for the Treasurer. Each officer serves a one-year term with elections done at the first Session meeting of each year. The members of the corporation are the members of the congregation.

➤ **Team of the Month:** **iEngage** {Each month one of the Ministry Teams takes responsibility for describing their work and responsibilities, are prayed for by the other teams and report how that felt, what they learned being in prayer for the wider community + give reflections on worship}.

➤ **iEngage** promotes awareness and visibility of church ministries and activities. It utilizes media of all kinds to promote the church's activities. It oversees the implementation of technology to support all ministry efforts including worship and coordinates with the Administrative Assistant and the Church Office in the use of communication platforms such as: ◆ Tidings ◆ Church Website and Social Media pages ◆ Email communications using Constant Contact various comparable platforms ◆ Worship Bulletins ◆ Church calendar ◆ Zoom meeting platform. iEngage is, in essence, the church's marketing team. It leverages the communication tools the church has to increase awareness of the church and its activities and explore new ways of accomplishing that goal.

Regular Business:

- Accepted were the reports submitted by Ministry Teams, from Staff, approved Minutes of past meetings.
- Reviewed the church calendar and learned of communications received by the church.
- Heard reports from those Commissioned Elders who attended the quarterly Assembly meeting of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley on December 2, 2021
- Approved the 2021 Annual Report to be available for the Annual Meeting Jan 30, 2022, which is a very informative and valuable summary of the wonderful work of this congregation within our congregation, within our community and in the world at large. All members should get a copy and spend some time reading and appreciating all that is being done by our teams and by our members. We are truly blessed and actively doing God's work in this world in many ways.
- Accepted the deadline of the February 2022 meeting of Session to review and suggest any changes to the Church Policies that each Ministry Team is responsible for and their applicable Bylaws.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SESSION SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 19, 2021, CONTINUED

In addition, the following business was conducted:

Motions:

- Finance & Stewardship Team moved: **To approve members of the Finance/Stewardship Team to collectively assume the responsibilities of Treasurer of the Corporation pro tem.** Approved. *{Replacing retiring Treasurer Ruth Dickey is not something to be done in haste and the Job Description and responsibilities are being reviewed and updated to properly reflect the role of the Treasurer to potential candidates. The team members are willing and able to handle this role during the interim period.}*
- Finance & Stewardship Team moved: **To approve actions taken by the Finance Team to accurately present and cover the cost the Hines Plumbing invoice for installation of the new water pipes in the Education wing of our building from capital funds and not from the Repair & Maintenance operating account.** Approved.
- Corporation Officers for 2022 were elected as follows: President, Sharon Kinsey; Secretary Kim Croarkin and Treasurer Pro Tem the Finance & Stewardship Team collectively.
- After some thoughtful discussion and discerning conversation, the following motion was made and Approved at a Called Special Meeting Sunday January 23: **“Ministry units will be supported by Session in their decisions to pause/suspend events, programs or activity in our building for reasons related to safety protocols surrounding COVID. The requirement for all persons in our building to be masked regardless of vaccination status will remain until changed by Session.”** *{Our building is used by a variety of groups regularly, and others by specific request, for a wide range of activities, programs and purposes. Each one is somewhat unique and this motion allows for some flexibility based on dates, time, types of activities and the user group involved. Consistency of treatment of those similarly situated is the objective, while appropriately protecting the safety of our members. Session is placing its trust in our own members on these team to make the best decision. A set of Guidelines to be used by the Ministry Units was reviewed and approved at that Special Called Meeting which should assure uniformity of treatment for similarly situated users of our building.}*

Informational Items:

- COVID remains a force in our State and the Valparaiso community. Addressing it week to week seems the best approach as circumstances and numbers are constantly changing. This ever-changing landscape of COVID is complicated, confusing and confounding. There has never been any intent to allow the decisions being made to divide us. We are hoping that all discussions and differences of opinion can be handled with grace and understanding... recognizing that the decision-making is not easy.
- Session is aware there is an undercurrent of conversation regarding a possible future Capital Campaign. HOWEVER, Session wants to confirm that before there can be any options presented or discussed, a substantial amount of information-gathering and assessment will need to take place so that there are facts and figures available to start such conversation. Session is engaged in that information-gathering, assessment and evaluation and will not be prepared to move forward until that is complete. Session cannot engage in discussion or conversation until those facts and figures are available. Session can be trusted to keep the congregation fully informed as the research and investigation proceeds. The preliminary work of information gathering and assessment is being led by Session elders who also keep Session informed.

Praises/Joys/Prayers/Concerns:

- Prayers were requested for this congregation as we move into a new year that we approach with an attitude of abundance and not one of scarcity. Doing God’s work effectively and with generosity and grace will require that.

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 Pro Tem if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hubbard, Clerk Pro Tem

OPPORTUNITIES

EXPLORING NEW MEMBERSHIP AT FPC VALPARAISO

Sunday mornings in February 2022* through 2/27/22*

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Room 101

While the faith journey is indeed a personal one, it is not meant to be traveled alone!

Whether you are a first time/frequent visitor and friend of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso (FPCV) or just need a refresher, all are welcome to join us for “Exploring Membership at First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso.” We will take a look at what it means to be Presbyterian (what we believe), how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is structured, and the various ministries of FPCV. Each session will be held on Sunday mornings in February 2022* through 2/27/22* from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. in Room 101. Nursery care and additional Sunday morning faith formation classes are available for children and youth. If you plan on attending and would like to know more about additional opportunities for children and youth, please contact our Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry:

Ken Crews at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, you will be encouraged to grow in your relationship with the Triune God through worship, faith formation, fellowship, mission, and outreach. However, by attending this class you are not required to become a member, in fact, you are welcome to simply come and learn more about us (you can still receive our monthly newsletter, participate in a Bible study, join the choir, or enjoy any of our fellowship events).

Please let us know if you are interested in attending, by contacting the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org.

** denotes considering that COVID-19 is very present in the community, special attention to Sunday morning worship announcements is recommended in case the New Member's Class is paused.*

MISSION STATEMENT:

Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



- Building congregational vitality
 - Dismantling structural racism
 - Eradicating systemic poverty
- www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used in over 12,000 congregations across the United States, Canada, and 29 other countries. With Stephen Ministry, congregations can equip a team of lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, divorce, major illness, loneliness, financial stress, and other life difficulties.

A STEPHEN MINISTRY STORY

A STEADY REMINDER OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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Mark and I had been married 26 years. Our sons were 18 and 20. We loved being parents, but with our younger son graduating high school, we were eagerly anticipating the empty nest and having more time for each other. In the fall, when our younger son started college, Mark began having stomach issues and back pain, which would linger for a few days and then disappear, only to reappear later. He also developed a cough. When his doctor ordered an MRI, the results were devastating—Stage IV pancreatic cancer, already in his liver and both lungs. Mark was only 53. Our lives were turned upside down. I suddenly found myself trying to provide emotional support to Mark and our sons during the worst experience any of us had ever endured. I wanted and needed to keep myself together to focus on caring for Mark, but I was emotionally drained—full of sadness and terrified of what the future held. I had always been a “take responsibility for everything myself” kind of person. However, I knew I couldn’t do this alone. I talked to my pastor about it, and she suggested matching me with a Stephen Minister. I agreed, and less than two weeks after Mark was diagnosed, my Stephen Minister came for the first of her weekly visits. It’s difficult to convey how important this Stephen Ministry relationship was for me. Our pastor was wonderful, and we had an amazing amount of support from many other people, but the time I spent with my Stephen Minister was the only time in the week when I could truly focus on my own needs. She was there just for me. My Stephen Minister let me know that, while she was very concerned for Mark, her role was to be my support—to listen and help me process what I was feeling and going through, without giving advice or telling me what to do. The consistency of our Stephen Ministry relationship was crucial in helping me cope. Her weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God’s presence, helping me know I was never alone. The time I spent with my Stephen Minister was the only time in the week when I could truly focus on my own needs. She was there just for me. Although Mark and I chose to talk publicly about his condition, my Stephen Ministry relationship was completely confidential. I knew I could share anything with her, and that’s where it would stay. Mark’s illness progressed rapidly—ten weeks of treatment, followed by six weeks of hospice, and then his passing. My needs changed as I went from being a wife to being a caregiver to being a grieving widow and dealing with everything that the loss of a spouse entails. Through it all, my Stephen Minister’s love and support continued. She was there for me at every stage of my journey. It was never easy, but my Stephen Minister helped me through the most difficult moments of my life. I really can’t say enough about how much I appreciate my church’s Stephen Ministry. The compassionate, consistent, and confidential support of my Stephen Minister was so important in helping me cope—and then begin to heal. Her weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God’s presence, helping me know I was never alone.

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To learn more about Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso, please contact Pastor Kim, Linda Long or Elizabeth Monroe.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Bob Marrs)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Following Christ's example, our Deacons are serving the church and community in a variety of ways. Some of the responsibilities our Deacons share consist of communion (set up, presentation and cleanup), caring card set up and delivery, advent bags, visiting our Deacon friends and many other activities throughout the year. If you know of a church member who has needs the Deacons provide, please let us know.

FUN FACT: St. Valentine was a Priest, martyred on February 14, 269 in Rome. He is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people.

DEACONS We welcome the new and look forward to working with them. Deacon Class of 2022: Bella Wunderlin and Maddie Wunderlin; and Deacons Class of 2024: Joy Dirks, Sharon Harris, June Olling, Betty Richardson. We also wish to thank the 2021 Class of Deacons for their service: Phyllis Crews, Beth Germann, John Rittel in memoriam, Karen Vogelsand and Emma Adams.

PRAYER CONCERNS - If you have prayer concerns, please reach out to Beth Germann (219.477.9964), bcgermann@gmail.com). If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please let Beth know.

ADVENT BAGS - The Deacons were able to share 30 Advent Bags with members of our congregation and in the community.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK - The cookie sale at the Christmas Craft Fair was very successful and we raised approximately \$900, which will be placed in the Deacon's restricted fund.

CARING CARDS – The Caring Cards are on the bulletin board in the center of the narthex. We encourage the congregation to sign the cards when at the church for worship.

UNTIL NEXT TIME I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS BLESSING:

May God bless you with a happy life
That's filled up to the brim
With special blessings of the heart
That can only come from Him.



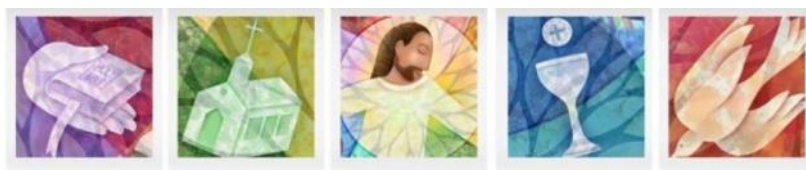


Faith Formation for *Everyone!* Sunday mornings @ 9am

As we welcome in another year, the FPCV Faith Formation Team is pleased to announce that we continue to offer Sunday morning classes for all ages at FPCV. Classes are organized into Early Childhood (3/4yo-Kindergarten), Elementary (1st-3rd grade), BOCA (4th-6th grade), Confirmation (7th/8th grade), High School (9th-12th grade), AND Adult.

Faith Formation classes this spring will continue exploring the PCUSA's *Follow Me* curriculum. *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living* is a curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

Is it Christian Education or Faith Formation?



Faith Formation

You may be noticing a shift in language at FPCV. Programs, classes, and events that have traditionally been identified as Christian Education are increasingly being named Faith Formation offerings. But why the change?

Christian Education has a rich history in many mainline churches, including FPCV, while others have used the language of Faith Formation for some time. History has the power to imbue certain words and titles with meaning; sometimes this is helpful and sometimes it becomes limiting. For some, the language of Christian Education implies a limited scope of activities, occurring in specific places, with a particular group. We believe the language of Faith Formation can help free the community to explore our faith in new and expansive ways.

Faith Formation embraces a more holistic approach to developing the Christian life. Faith Formation is at the heart of what the Christian life is all about. In many ways, we engage in the practices of our daily lives and the rituals of our faith communities—through worship, mission, working for justice and peace, evangelism, and education—so that our faith may be nurtured, enlivened, sustained, and formed.

We can understand Faith Formation to be “an engaged process of learning and practice integrated throughout all aspects of congregational and daily life.” This definition highlights the initiative and action we must take in our own faith formation.*

We hope you'll join FPCV on the Faith Formation journey!

*<https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/general-synod/general-synod-resolutions-regarding-environmental-justice/education/>

FAITH FORMATION, CONTINUED

Upcoming Faith Formation Offerings

- Sundays @ 9am - Faith Formation for All Ages!
- Sundays, 6pm-7:30pm - Presby's Youth Group
- Sunday, February 13, 2022 - Souper Bowl of Caring
- Wednesday, March 2, 2022 (Time TBD) - Family-friendly Ash Wednesday Service



Thank you to everyone who works to make Faith Formation a success at FPCV! Please take time this month to thank our Fall Teaching Team:

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| ♦ Jason Adams | ♦ Becky Gordon |
| ♦ Leila Buford | ♦ Jason Gordon |
| ♦ Heather Crews | ♦ Sharon Kinsey |
| ♦ Ellen Falk | ♦ Andrea Phillips |
| ♦ Julie Golding | ♦ Jacki Phillips |
| | ♦ Ron Phillips |

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS



The Presbyterian Resale Shop celebrated our success in 2021 by gathering for a luncheon on January 23, 2022. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance. We are a special group of volunteers who love what we do and who love the friendships we have made.

Please prayerfully consider how your special gifts could be shared with the Resale Shop. We have a spot for everyone!

Mary Linda Scott
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

Session is beginning its second year of the practice of Holy Living. Each month, all Elders offer daily prayers for one of the FPC Ministry Teams. At the meeting, the Moderator(s) of that team share how it felt to be prayed for and reflect on how the prayers might have impacted their activities. In an effort to share in greater detail some of the tasks, responsibilities, and missions of that particular team, the Moderator also writes a brief overview that is included in the Session packet.

Because it is important for the congregation to fully understand what each Ministry Team does within the church, that written overview will also be shared in the monthly Tidings. (If there is a team that aligns with your particular interests and skills, we would encourage you to contact that Moderator and perhaps join the team or at least offer your services!)

The first Ministry Team to be highlighted is the **iENGAGE TEAM:**

SCOPE OF WORK

iEngage promotes awareness and visibility of church ministries and activities. We utilize media of all kinds to promote the church's activities. We oversee the implementation of technology to support all ministry efforts including worship. We also coordinate with the Administrative Assistant and the Church Office in the use of communication platforms such as:

- ◆ Tidings (*Monthly church newsletter available electronically and in print*)
- ◆ Church Website (<https://www.fpcvalpo.org>) and Social Media pages (*Facebook*)
- ◆ Email communications to members on specific topics/issues/happenings using Constant Contact various comparable platforms
- ◆ Worship Bulletins (*available in print at worship and online for those viewing online*)
- ◆ First Notes (*weekly church communication document available electronically and in print*)
- ◆ Church calendar (*available online and in print*)
- ◆ Zoom meeting platform (*used by church organizations and mission teams*)

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HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who sent cards and notes to me at Don's passing. They were greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to my Deacon Friend Cindy Robinson for including me in the distribution of Advent bags in 2021. It was fun to open a present each day!

With love,

Marilyn Owens

“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:

**FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)
All Are Welcome! Spread the Word!**



Wednesday, February 16, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

300 Porters Vale Blvd
Valparaiso, IN
Donating Back: 20%

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**“IN THE STRANGERS GUISE”
WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE 2022 OPPORTUNITY**

Do you love the mountains? What about music, be it bells, singing in a choir, playing an instrument? How about worship and art? Or maybe you enjoy all of the above — If so, FPC has just the opportunity for you! Please consider joining us for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC from June 26th - July 1, 2022. This is an intergenerational conference for children, youth, adults, pastors, directors, organists, pianists, instrumentalists, dancers, ringers, worship leaders, choir members, and anyone who loves and takes part in the worship and music of the church.

For additional information, visit www.presbysmusic.org/2022conference

If you would like to learn more or attend, please join us at the call-out meeting on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, following worship in the chapel.



MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION



“MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION” presents information chosen by our Matthew 25 Team to inform and inspire our church family to actively engage in activities and with initiatives that reduce poverty and racism in our local communities and beyond.

Most of us believe we are not racist. We feel that we treat people of color with kindness and respect. We **easily recognize** and speak out against racist **individuals** who act out through cross burning, hate crimes, or racist rhetoric.

However, we **do not easily recognize** the **structural racism** that is woven into every aspect of society. **Structural Racism is the many racial inequalities that result from American systems and policies that we have always accepted without question.**

The best way to gain an understanding of Structural Racism is by looking at the inequalities it produces. Having examined inequalities of wealth, this month we continue by looking at the vast inequalities in **Education.**

- Segregation *within* cities is about the same as in the 1980s. It’s still extremely high. 43% of Hispanics and 38% of blacks are in intensely segregated schools.
- Residential segregation between cities is getting worse, and the Supreme Court in the 1974 case *Milliken v. Bradley* said surrounding cities could not be forced into school integration plans.
- We are increasingly isolating poor black and Hispanic children in segregated schools, both public and charter.
- Minorities have less access to rigorous math and science classes and are taught by lower paid teachers with less experience.
- Segregated schools have lower levels of educational resources and per-student spending and higher levels of neighborhood violence, crime, and poverty.
- Black students are 3x more likely to be suspended than white students, even when their infractions are similar.
- Overall, black students represent 16% of student enrollment and 27% of students referred to law enforcement.
- The median white college grad family has 5x more wealth than the median Hispanic family and 6x more than the median black family. (2016)

As we read, study, and discuss Matthew 25 issues, we need God’s help in fully recognizing the injustice and inequality that continues to exist because of systemic poverty and structural racism. Please add your voice daily in asking that God guide us and empower us, individually and as a church family, in our Matthew 25 efforts. We also need His help in finding meaningful ways for us to act in response to our love and concern.

Prayer in response to today’s article:

Lord, lead and direct my thoughts as I reflect upon the inequalities in education within our nation. Amen.

WORSHIP NEWS

ONLINE MUSIC LIBRARY PROJECT

Want to help complete a project at the church? Have a laptop? Worship is attempting to catalogue all the music in our music library in an online spreadsheet, in an attempt to make it easier to reference by our pastoral staff, ensembles and musical leaders. This is a project which can be tackled as time will allow – give a half an hour, give a few hours as open in your schedule. Those willing to volunteer may contact Elder Matthew Byerly at enigma_46383@yahoo.com or 219-508-7986 to gain details and coordinate efforts around their schedule. Or, if it is easier or preferred, you can meet Matthew Saturday mornings at the church January 22 or 29, 2022, or February 5 or 12 for workdays from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

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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:

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 6 AND FEBRUARY 27, 2022

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, Februarys 6 and 27, 2022 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.

MISSION NEWS: PADS MINISTRY

PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would you be willing to make dinner, breakfast, or help in other areas needed for PADS this year?

New Creation is checking in the men each week. They must be vaccinated and tested weekly to be part of the program and wear masks except when eating and sleeping.

The meal volunteer sheets are in the Hospitality Center at church for you to sign up.

In addition, if you can help with the PADS Ministry, please visit the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48afaa23a0fbc52-pads>

Thank you for all you have done and are doing for our homeless men!

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

One hundred and sixty-eight families were served in November which provided food for four hundred twenty-nine people. Thanksgiving dinner menu items served sixty-four families. It was anticipated that about the same number of families will be served dinner menu items and a ham or turkey for Christmas. With the major donation of food items from Strack and Van Til on Calumet along with monies from the fundraiser at Meijer, things were in good shape to provide Christmas season help to our neighbors in need of assistance. Also donations of items and monies are steady from our supporting congregations, various civic groups and individuals. It is awesome to be able to report that the pantry is very ready to serve any family in our area coming to the pantry for food help.

Seasonal blessings to all involved with donating to and serving from this program which is starting its 39th year. Of course, our volunteers are the 'heart' of this project.

Thank you for caring and sharing in so many ways,

Nan Steeves
Sharon Crowder

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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.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 01, 2022

9:00 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Online

Wednesday, February 02, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	Online
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Thursday, February 03, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study (TBC)	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 04, 2022

Saturday, February 05, 2022

Sunday, February 06, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes (TBC)	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership**	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary, Online
11:00 AM	Call Out Meeting for Music & Worship Conference Discussion	Chapel
6:00 PM	Presbys (TBC)	100, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 07, 2022

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, February 08, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Online

Wednesday, February 09, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Online
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	Finance Team	TBD
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Thursday, February 10, 2022

7:00 AM	Minutes/Reports Due for Session Packet - Confirmed	
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study (TBC)	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 11, 2022

9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
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Saturday, February 12, 2022

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Sunday, February 13, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes (TBC)	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership**	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys (TBC)	100, Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 14, 2022		
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 15, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, February 16, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:30 AM	Monthly Meal Out - McAlister's Deli (until 8:00 p.m.)	Valpo Restaurant
7:00 PM	Joint Session & Deacon Meeting	TBD
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, February 17, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study (TBC)	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 18, 2022		
Saturday, February 19, 2022		
Sunday, February 20, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes (TBC)	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership**	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys (TBC)	100, Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 21, 2022		
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 22, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, February 23, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, February 24, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study (TBC)	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 25, 2022		
Saturday, February 26, 2022		
9:00 AM	PWV Assembly (CST)	Online
Sunday, February 27, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes (TBC)	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership**	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys (TBC)	100, Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 28, 2022		
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

**** denotes considering that COVID-19 is very present in the community, special attention to Sunday morning worship announcements is recommended in case the New Member's Class is paused. Additional information found on page 3 of the Tidings.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2021**

Month Income	\$66,681	YTD Income	\$425,680
Month Expenses	<u>(65,776)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(477,529)</u>
Over/Short	\$905		<u>(\$51,849)</u>

Thank you for your gifts for the ministry activities of our congregation and for our greater community. Your generosity with time, skills and money lives out our mission to build disciples, grow faith, and serve in Christ's name.

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!

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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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1 Ron Scott	February 15 Janice Axmann
February 3 Marci Powell Doug Lang	February 16 Willa Nuppnau Julie Pollaro Sharon Swihart
February 4 Kay Exley	February 17 Sadie Kinsey Sharon Kinsey
February 6 Linda Long	February 18 Melissa Klancer Wendy Banta-Long
February 7 Gabriel Byerly	February 23 Jim Boys Valarie Smart-Higgins Carolyn Hughes
February 8 Jerry Kahrs	February 24 Beverlee Frazee
February 10 Sharon Allen Sandi Roth	February 26 Rose Bianco
February 11 Isabella Wunderlin Madison Wunderlin	February 28 Donna Parker Lisa Vukin
February 12 Liam Luick Karen Vogelsang	
February 14 Rick Exley	

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

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Open:	TBD
Close:	Jerry Kahrs

COMMUNION SERVERS

February 6	Harry Karabel TBD
February 27	Betty Richardson TBD

ELDER ON SCHEDULE

February 6	Harry Karabel
February 20	Ron Scott

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 13	June Olling
February 27	Betty Richardson

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

February 6	Sharon Kinsey
February 13	Scouts
February 20	Matthew Byerly
February 27	Presbys

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.

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

THANK YOU!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.....	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team iEngage**
Kim Croarkin.....	Matthew 25 Team Mission Team**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Linda Long	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Elizabeth Monroe	Membership Team
Karen Mitseff	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Ron Phillips	Adult Spiritual Formation Team Faith Formation Team**
Ryne Press	Mission Team Matthew 25 Team**
Trish Lawson.....	Congregational Life Team Nominating Team
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team Nominating Team**

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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