

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 18, 2023

The year started off with an energized meeting that also went longer than normal as Session had many year-end items to deal with including approving the 2022 Annual Report and the 2023 Budget. New Elder Jeanne Turner was welcomed.

A period of Elder training takes place at the beginning of each Session meeting. January's conversation was about the Nicene Creed. Part of the conversation addressed change and the fact that some people think the church resists change. First Presbyterian Valpo does change and has changed in many ways. As Presbyterians our decisions require consensus whereas other denominations rely on a Pope or Bishop to tell them what and how to change. Reaching consensus is always challenging but our congregation has always embraced change and the process to make it happen.

There was reflection on the wonderful Christmas season and the worship experiences provided. Noted was the intergenerational Christmas pageant with wonderful music and kids being kids.

Reports from all the Teams were received and many end-of-year matters addressed.

MOTIONS APPROVED

- Accept the **2022 Annual Report** which will be available at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 29, 2023
- Accept the **2023 Budget** as presented and that will be presented at the Annual Meeting January 29
- Accept the **Annual Statistical Report to Presbytery** that will be included in the 2022 Annual Report
- **Election of Clerks and Corporation Officers:** re-elected to another one-year term were: Clerk of Session – Judy Hollar; Membership Clerk – Elizabeth Monroe; Corporation President – Sharon Kinsey; and Treasurer – Linda Long; newly elected to a one-year term Corporation Secretary – Ron Scott.
- **Matthew 25 request** to pay for the winter gloves that were part of the **Personal Care Packets** given to the men who visit our church as part of the PADS program. (All other items were donated by our members.)
- Accept all **Team Reports** as presented.
- Accept **Congregational Life Team's** recommendation that money received in 2023 from the Monthly Meals Out program and the November Craft & Vendor Fair be used towards the future community garden and other environmental projects around the church.

OTHER MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- Pastor Kim shared information in advance of her sharing it with the congregation on Sunday, January 22, regarding her spouse Jason's new promotion with his employer that is a fantastic, well-earned advancement in his career that will require him to be at the company's HQ in Bloomington on an on-going basis. Pastor Kim feels called to our congregation and confirmed she will not be leaving us at this time. She and Jason and the family have discussed this among themselves and with others familiar with this type of situation; and she is confident this commuting relationship, one they have done twice before, will be manageable. She and Andrew will continue living here in Porter County and as the lone parent in their home here, her hours available may vary from time to time. Session appreciated her sharing this information and pledged to support the Adams family as needed to help them navigate this new situation.

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- Pastor Kim challenged each of the ministry teams to add one new member to their team by the March Session meeting. This is consistent with the theme, **worship +2**, introduced last fall regarding Stewardship of our time, talent and not just our finances. This is a way for everyone to get involved with one more thing beyond their monetary pledge.
- February 18 & 19 members of Session and other church leaders will be attending a Retreat that was originally scheduled for October 22 but was cancelled due to COVID. FPCV is moving forward as a church committed to its ministry & mission. Having leadership that is aligned with a common direction is one of the objectives of this retreat.
- Our Parish Associate, Pastor Nancy Becker, is serving as Moderator for Lake Station Presbyterian Church's Session and Congregational Meeting.
- Our church applied for and has received a Resource Grant from the Center for Congregations that will be used as we move forward in the months ahead in involving all church members in a process that will bring us together as a church community and better educate ourselves and the Valparaiso community as to the broad nature of the ministry & mission of this congregation. More information will be forthcoming on this.
- Faith Formation will be seeking a part-time person to help coordinate and lead our youth and adult education effort. There is line item in the 2023 budget for this. Associate Pastor Ken Crews will be providing the staff support for Faith Formation but will not be lead person day-to-day.

ONLINE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

FPC VALPARAISO ONLINE GIVING AND PLEDGE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/pledge/pledgeincome>
to make a 2023 pledge to FPC
or
<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/give/KLYBGIVCVH>
for FPC online giving opportunity.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

The Ryne and Amy Press family upon the death of Ryne's grandfather, Jim Knopf; and

The Mike and Pam Skaltsas family upon the death of Pam's mother, Darlene Beatty.

OPPORTUNITIES

EXPLORING NEW MEMBERSHIP AT FPC VALPARAISO JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 5 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2023 9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M. IN 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 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 (1/29, 2/5, 2/12 in room 101) from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. 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 & 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. , 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 churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org.

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FPC WALKING TOUR

Please join us on the next Church Walking Tour which will be held **on Sunday, February 5, 2023** immediately following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. worship. Please meet Jeanne Turner in the Narthex near the Church office to begin the Tour. All are welcome to attend!

MISSION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

One hundred seventy-five families were served in December which provided food for four hundred and fifty people. Eighty-eight families were provided holiday menu items for a Christmas meal. Those meals included a choice of a ham or turkey. Stracks on Calumet provided the pantry with five hundred fifty-three holiday bags of groceries! The Meijer project has provided an awesome amount of money providing for any food items needed. (Thank you to Mickey Koehler for being the contact for that project.) Due to the increase of flu and COVID cases, the mask requirement is still in place for being served at the pantry. This stipulation is for the protection of the volunteers as well as the clients. Food and monetary donations are still generous perhaps due to the awareness of the increase of illnesses reported in the news updates. It is very helpful that congregations have made arrangements when needed to bring food items to the pantry donated at their churches. Pick-ups can be arranged in case of some glitches. Basic food items are always needed since they are offered to each family at each visit. Each family can visit twice a month to the pantry.

Thank you to all who have supported the pantry program in so many ways through this **40th year** of offering help with food to families in our neighborhood in need of assistance. So many churches, groups, organizations and individuals have kept this service viable.

Happy New Year and let's cross our fingers and offer supporting prayers for whatever events are coming in 2023.

Nan Steeves (founder)
Sharon Crowder

PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

PADS, the men's homeless shelter FPC hosts every Wednesday, has several volunteer opportunities that need to be filled:

February 1	Intake 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 10 a.m. – 2 a.m. 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.	Meals: February 8/9 Breakfast February 15/16 Breakfast
February 8.	Intake 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.	
February 15	Intake 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.	
February 22	Intake 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.	

Grateful for all!

If you have any questions regarding the PADS ministry, please call or email Beth Germann at 219-477-9964 or bcgermann@gmail.com.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED DURING WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023
AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
AND
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
AT 7:00 P.M. WORSHIP**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned dates 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.

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS



OUR MISSION:

The Presbyterian Resale Shop sells high quality, gently used items at a fair price to customers in northwest Indiana. We strive to help those in need, to create a welcoming environment for our customers and to promote teamwork among our volunteers. Our goal is to provide funding to worthy service agencies and charities, locally and globally.

January is generally a slow month for most retail stores but our Resale Shop started the year strong with good sales and lots of incoming donations. We supported two worthy causes and got some nice photos to share. VNA Meals on

Wheels and Porter County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit each received generous donations. We thank them for the work they do in our community.

Our need for more helping hands continues and we gratefully thank those who have recently volunteered. Please contact me for more information on how you can support our mission.

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



DEACONS DOINGS

A DEACON'S PRAYER

Come to our assistance our Lord and our God, that we may do for you all that you ask of us. May we be to others what they need: a body to work when others cannot; a heart to love those who are forgotten; a shoulder to console those whose soul is in need; a smile to brighten your love. Send us to touch others as you would touch them, to hold them as you would, to love them as only you can. We do all of this in Jesus' name, Amen.

When you read the above-captioned prayer, I hope that you take a moment and feel all the works that these simple thoughts are providing. To help others is vital for our Church mission to continue to grow at all levels of community and love. May this Valentine's Day not only reveal a true love of Christ, but also a love for Church, community, and stewardship. Do not forget that chocolate and flowers go a long way too!

Much love and many prayers,

Cindy Robinson

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 2, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 3, 2023

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 6, 2023

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

10:00 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
5:30 PM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	FPC
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 9, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 10, 2023

Saturday, February 11, 2023

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Summer Themed Potluck Lunch	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 13, 2023

11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Friendship Room, Online

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 17, 2023

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20, 2023

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
	Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner (TBC)	

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
TBC	Ash Wednesday Worship	TBC
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 23, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, February 24, 2023

Saturday, February 25, 2023

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 27, 2023

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

**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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS



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Got a touch of the “Winter Blues”?

Let’s get together and give those blues the boot...even if just for a few hours!

Sunday, February 12, 2023

11:00 am in Fellowship Hall for A Summer Themed Pot Luck!!

Congregational Life will supply a main course. All are welcome to bring a side dish to share.

RSVP’s appreciated/questions: Trish Lawson at tmlawson77@yahoo.com or (219) 671-1205

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COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Consider hosting a Sunday by signing up in the Hospitality Center or at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA8A92DA2FC1-fpcv>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1
Ron Scott

February 3
Doug Lang
Marci Powell

February 4
Kay Exley

February 6
Linda Long

February 7
Gabriel Byerly

February 8
Jerry Kahrs

February 10
Sandi Roth

February 11
Isabella Wunderlin
Madison Wunderlin

February 12
Liam Luick
Karen Vogelsang

February 14
Rick Exley

February 15
Janice Axmann

February 16
Willa Nuppnau
Julie Pollaro
Sharon Swihart

February 17
Sadie Kinsey
Sharon Kinsey

February 18
Wendy Banta-Long

February 23
Jim Boys
Carolyn Hughes
Valarie Smart-Higgins

February 24
Beverlee Frazee

February 26
Rose Bianco

February 28
Donna Parker
Lisa Vukin

*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.

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

ROSTER

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Open: TBD
Close: TBD

COMMUNION SERVERS

Feb. 5	Jason Adams Harry Karabel Sharon Kinsey
Ash Wed. Feb. 22	Kathy Joseph Jerry Kahrs Betty Richardson

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 5	Harry Karabel
Feb. 12	Ron Scott

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 19	Bob Marrs
Feb. 26	Linda Marrs

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Feb. 5	Sharon Kinsey
Feb. 12	Linda Long
Feb. 19	Amy Press
Feb. 26	Presbys

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023	Cathy Greenawald
Ash Wed., Feb. 22, 2023	Sheya Bennett



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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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**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Linda Long	Finance
Elizabeth Monroe	Membership 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**
Jeanne Turner	Stewardship Team

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Cindy Robinson, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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