

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND ITS CORPORATION SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Thanks to the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic, FPC Valpo is becoming quite good at virtual meetings! At least 40 members called in via Zoom, with at least 10 of those being multiples, so we had more than 50 members meeting electronically!

A great deal of business and information was shared during this Annual Meeting of the Congregation, including the following:

- Annual Membership Report
Elder Trish Lawson highlighted this report, including a current total of 320 members (pp. 49-51 of the Annual Report).
- 2020 Financial Report
Elder Elizabeth Monroe gave an overview of a very difficult year financially which at times seemed as if it might be much worse than it actually ended! She expressed gratitude for everyone's continuing commitments to the ministries of FPCV (pp. 5-10 of the Annual Report).
- 2020 Annual Report
 - Although there were no questions regarding this lengthy report (52 pages!), Pastor Kim reminded members that it does give an excellent overview of every aspect of the ministry of our congregation and shows how God has been working in our midst despite the pandemic.
 - If you have not received your digital copy of this report, please let the Church Office know and one will be emailed.
- 2021 Operating Budget
 - Finance Moderator Lisa Pavlopoulos projected the budget onto the screen and shared insight into how hard the ministry teams worked to create the budget in these difficult times. She also explained the similarities between last year's "Faith Budget" line item and this year's "Unrestricted Net Assets," both used to reduce the deficit between projected expenses and revenues. Discussion included ongoing concerns due to the pandemic as well as applause for efforts by all to reduce expenses yet keep our facilities in good working order.
 - A copy of the budget can be emailed upon request.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND ITS CORPORATION SYNOPSIS, CONTINUED

- Officers of the Corporation
 - In accordance with the Bylaws of FPCV, Article III, Section 3, Pastor Kim presented the following names as officers for the Corporation as elected by the Session on January 20, 2021:
 - ◇ President Sharon Kinsey
 - ◇ Secretary Ken McAloon
 - ◇ Treasurer Ruth Dickey
- Congregational Nominating Committee
 - Elder Sharon Kinsey presented the following names for Members-at-Large to the 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee:
 - ◇ Ginger Boys
 - ◇ Tracy Campbell
 - ◇ Connie Knauff
 - ◇ Dave Spitler
 - There being no nominations from the floor, this slate was unanimously elected.
- Terms of Call for Pastor Kim
 - Personnel Elder Ron Scott projected the Terms of Call which were approved by Session at their January meeting. Pastor Kim has requested to forgo the 3% raise that Session had approved but add one additional week of vacation. With changes in both insurance and pension requirements, the end result is a slightly lower salary than last year.
 - Following discussion, motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

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 (and we are allowed back into the church!). In the meantime, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

SESSION SYNOPSIS

SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021

“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!” These words from a contemporary praise song definitely applied to this month’s Session meeting. Elders began by discussing two articles. The first, *Elders as Spiritual Leaders*, was an eye-opener in that many had not really thought of their roles as being spiritual leaders, but they truly appreciated the reminder that the church is much more than budgets and buildings. The second article, *Time for More Prayer, Less Talk*, emphasized the role of prayer in meetings. They were reminded that their purpose is to discern GOD’S WILL in all that they do and that “intentional group discernment” needs to be part of every decision they make. They might even need to “let go of their own thoughts and make room for God’s ways.”

This discussion of spiritual leadership lead directly into the new practice of *Holy Living* that Pastor Kim introduced last month. This month, prayers were offered for Mission and Matthew 25 Teams, and those moderators reflected on what it was like to be prayed for. Observations included:

- Best team meeting attendance ever!
- God has enabled moderator Ken McAloon to travel to Kenya by removing obstacles to his trip
- Opportunities to “dismantle systemic racism” have appeared
- It is *much easier* when we know we are being prayed for!
- There are no coincidences! God is in this!
- Being prayed for meant so much more than imagined
- Prayers are needed to determine how the Holy Spirit will guide them into the future

Also part of *Holy Living* is offering prayer for our community. Two Elders reflected that God responded in sometimes immediate ways! The best example of that was the issue of snow on the roof of FPC Valpo. The problem seemed insurmountable but within a short time following a plea on social media, fifteen volunteers responded and made short work of what had seemed a disaster. In the wider community, eyes were opened to needs regarding PADS and the Texas snow/cold disaster so quick responses were able to be provided, and the need for studying the issue of human trafficking presented itself. One Elder even wrote a powerful prayer for our understanding and work in the community asking for God’s help, support, and direction.

The third piece of *Holy Living* involves reflections on the worshipping experience over the previous month. Two Elders shared these observations:

- The January 31st service gave a fantastic glimpse into other multicultural worship services which are relevant to the Matthew 25 initiative; hopefully we can experience more of this!
- Online church has been extremely meaningful for many during this difficult period of the pandemic
- Communion table decorations are appealing, attractive, and appreciated!
- Services are showing a pro-kids focus and therefore also a multi-generational focus that appeals to many
- Music has been a wonderful blend of older and newer hymns as well as praise music and impressive signing by Emma!
- Sermons have provided much to think about

Truly, God’s presence has been felt in *many* places as your Elders joined the zoom meeting from across the city and even across the country to do the work of FPC Valparaiso! They are spiritual leaders you can and should be very proud of!

SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021, CONTINUED

Several other discussion topics included the following:

- Mission tithed the 10% of January's revenue, sending some of their dollars through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to those affected by the Texas/Oklahoma/Louisiana storm
- iEngage will move forward in becoming compliant with music copyrights and they are looking into creating a branding of our image
- Motion was approved to allow Ken McAloon to raise funds for buying automotive parts and supplies he will be taking to Kenya in April; he will be teaching the Kenyans to rebuild the original engine for Pastor Henry's van
- An email from Presbytery thanked congregations for their generosity in funding *per capita* which supports all Presbytery activities (please look for this letter in its entirety elsewhere in *Tidings* to learn specifically what *per capita* pays for)
- In Finance news, January revenues exceeded expenses; restricted funds will be discussed in a March report; and finance policies are under review
- Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to award Dawn a one-time bonus.

Closing **Joys and Concerns** included another huge thank-you to the members who responded so quickly to the call to remove snow from the building's roof during the Ash Wednesday snowstorm and prayers for an Elder's spouse who will be undergoing surgery next month.

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 (and we are allowed back into the church!). **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FOR PER CAPITA GIVING

*A big **THANK YOU** (and a simple please)
from
Presbytery Leader Jennifer Burns Lewis*

January 10, 2021

Dear Congregations of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley,

As one remarkable year closes and a new one begins, we want to thank you for your faithful support of per capita and shared mission support. 2020 was a challenging year, and the start of 2021 feels much the same. Your contributions to the work of the presbytery and the wider Church made a big difference, and we are grateful for the partnership we share. Our annual budget is based on congregations' contributions and we're able to do more when everyone plays a part.

Here's some of what you helped accomplish locally for your congregation and the 74 others in the presbytery:

- ◆ Technology grants to help congregations deliver online worship and online giving
- ◆ Mission Partnership grants to local congregations who are reaching out
- ◆ Support for pastors and congregational leaders through weekly Zoom calls for sharing pandemic resources and support
- ◆ Grant-writing for two major grants for congregational coaching
- ◆ Financial consulting for church treasurers and administrative staff
- ◆ Shared Zoom and other technology
- ◆ Resources for clerks of session
- ◆ Training for elders and deacons
- ◆ Nurture and education for elders seeking commissioning to preach and serve congregations
- ◆ Advocacy, resources and coaching for congregations in pastoral transitions

Your gifts accomplish a lot and we really couldn't do it without you. So, thank you.

Please convey our gratitude to your session and congregation. Please let them know that the presbytery is committed to honoring full participation in requests from sharing the requested percentage with Synod and General Assembly. When a congregation remits less than the amount requested (based on membership numbers you report in annual statistical reports) it is the presbytery's operating budget that is reduced. So, please, keep interpreting the presbytery's commitment to your congregation and **THANK YOU** for your faithful support in challenging times.

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer Burns Lewis
Visioning and Connecting Leader

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. I miss everyone from my church family.

In gratitude and blessings,

Marcelle Johnson

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

ON

MARCH 7, 2021

AND

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, March 7, 2021, and Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021 during the online worship service (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC Youtube channel) at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Kim invites all 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.



Hi Friend,

I hope you know your church's participation in the CWS Blanket program makes a ***HUGE*** difference.

Congregations like yours continue to step in—literally—to cover our neighbors with kindness, love, and a warm blanket.

Because of your generous heart and faithful support last year, neighbors around the world received *that tangible* reminder that they now carry into this new year with them!

Through your church's blanket ministry, ***your light shines for all to witness God's love in action***; *one way to do that is by hosting a CWS Blanket Offering.* It's easy—just ask Pastor Luke Hyder of Cascade Presbyterian Church in Everett, Washington!

His congregation hosts CWS Blanket offerings, and he had this to say, "We have a church that believes, strongly, in how God calls us to love and reach out. ***CWS makes it so easy. We get great material that communicates the stories of what benefits this makes. If a church our size can do it, any church can!***"

Let's continue blanketing the world with love!

Until next time,

Matthew Stevens
Director of Congregational Giving, CWS



SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

SUMMER CAMP 2021 IS A “GO” MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

2020 was a bust for Summer Camp, but **2021 will be great**...and all is being made ready to assure that this year's Summer Church Camp experience will be the experience everybody missed last year.

All CDC and State Health Department recommendations will be in effect and camp will be as 'safe' as we can make it.

Time to get back-in-touch-with-nature, re-connect with old friends and meet new friends ...that is what Camp is all about. Gather your friends and register together.

Geneva Center has been hosting Summer Camp and creating lifelong memories for over 50 years; this year will be a special year for all campers who have been cooped up at-home and sheltered for too long.

RESERVE YOUR DATES IN JUNE & JULY ... and get ready to make some memories at camp this year. (Sign up before May 15th to avoid a \$25 late registration fee) www.genevacenter.org

June 14-16	You and Me 1 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$225.00/ person
June 14-16	New Beginnings (complete grades 1-3)	\$225.00
June 14-19	Explorers (completed grades 4-5)	\$395.00
June 21-24	You and Me 2 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$285.00/ person
June 21-26	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional High School (completed grades 9-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional Middle School (completed grades 6-8)	\$395.00
July 5-10	CROSS (Recreation/Sports) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Team realizes that the state lockdown will affect everyone differently. If there is a financial need that is causing you concern, please reach out to Ken McAloon, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Mission co-moderators, or Pastor Kim. There are funds available to help ease the stress during these trying times. Remember we are stronger together; and know that you are loved.

Stay safe,

Your Mission Team



Blood Drive **First Presbyterian Church**

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Tuesday, March 9
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.

Donate blood during #RedCrossMonth!

Visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment.

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ONLINE GUIDE For Red Cross Partners *Convalescent plasma*

For use through March 31, 2021 (Updated Dec. 7, 2020)

As the U.S. experiences a new surge in COVID-19 cases, the American Red Cross needs your help to raise awareness of the need for COVID-19 convalescent plasma donations and blood donations from those who have recovered from COVID-19.

Background:

Convalescent plasma is collected from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and contains antibodies that might help patients actively fighting the virus. Increased hospitalization of patients with coronavirus this fall and winter has caused the Red Cross to distribute a record number of COVID-19 plasma products to hospitals treating patients who are battling the virus.

The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, which helps provide insight to our donors concerning possible prior exposure to this virus. As part of this effort, plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma.

Help amplify messages from Red Cross social media channels:

Facebook: [American Red Cross Blood Donors](#)

Twitter: @RedCross or find your local Blood Services Region [here](#)

Instagram: [@AmericanRedCross](#)

POETRY/QUOTE CORNER

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

— Teresa of Ávila

POETRY OPPORTUNITY

A POETIC JOURNEY CONTINUES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS THROUGH LENT

at
3:00 p.m.
via
Zoom

During Advent, a small group led by Lou Ann Karabel met on Zoom for readings and thoughtful discussions of poems related to the Christian walk. ***Our Poetry Journey will continue on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:30 via Zoom through Lent.***

Join Lou Ann Karabel for a creative poetic journey as she guides participants through meaningful poetry readings and opportunities to respond.

RSVP to lakarabel@gmail.com
to receive your Zoom invitation.

***Please note an invitation is needed to join the journey
on Zoom.***

If you want to know why poetry is worth your time, you can also read her blog below that was published in the January 15, 2021 First Notes.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for two scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships>. Please mail completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2021:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Attn: Scholarship Committee

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Margaret Alexander, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 462-8723.

DEACONS' DOINGS

During this Lenten season the deacons are continuing to serve the church and meet virtually over Zoom. We are working hard to make sure that those who are homebound are being checked on and informed of church happenings through phone calls, letters, and virtual visits. If you know someone who is in need of a deacon friend, please let our moderator, Nancy Porter, know at 219.309.7531 or nancyporter2051@yahoo.com.

Our other usual ministries are on hold right now due to Covid restrictions. If you have prayer concerns, please reach out to Beth Germann (219.477.9964, bcgermann@gmail.com); she is in charge of the prayer chain. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please let Beth know.

Deacons are praying for a time when it is safe to be together again!



HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIMES BEGINS on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 a.m. (*clocks spring forward one hour*); the following Holy Week opportunities are listed in Central Daylight Time.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

- ♦ **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.:** Connect with us online at [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or www.fpcvalpo.org.
- ♦ **PALM SUNDAY PARADE AT NOON, IN-PERSON:** Wear your mask, and let's meet in the church parking lot, practice social distancing, pick up a palm frond, and continue to the walking path across the street, waving our palms celebrating the day our Savior arrived in Jerusalem.
- ♦ **PALM SUNDAY LUNCH, FOLLOWING THE PARADE, IN-PERSON:** Congregational Life invites us to meet in the church pavilion and will provide a brown bag lunch (*bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on*).
- ♦ **PRAYER LABYRINTH, IN-PERSON:** A prayer labyrinth will be available in the pavilion to walk beginning Palm Sunday and will be available for your convenience throughout Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

- ♦ **MAUNDY THURSDAY WITH COMMUNION ON ZOOM:** Join us on Zoom at **7:00 p.m.** as we journey to the cross. A Zoom link will be sent before Holy Week begins.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

- ♦ **GOOD FRIDAY, TENEBRAE:** Join us on Zoom at **7:00 p.m.** A Zoom link will be sent before Holy Week begins.

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

- ♦ **SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:00 A.M. WITH COMMUNION, IN-PERSON:** Join us in the church pavilion or on the lawn (*bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on*). Wear your mask and practice social distancing.
- ♦ **ONLINE WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH COMMUNION:** Connect with us online at [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or www.fpcvalpo.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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, Confession of Sin and Offering Our Lives, while the minister preaches the sermon, offers prayers, and blesses sacraments. Our liturgists are an important part of our worship, and demonstrate how we all minister to the community.

To sign up to serve as liturgist, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/994107930073/false#/invitation>

CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM NEWS

Few would argue that the pandemic has forced almost everyone to re-envision our daily lives over the past year. Businesses have been forced to decide what can and cannot be done remotely, teachers have had to re-envision teaching, health service providers have had to adapt to telehealth appointments, and even the Cambridge English Language Dictionary has been forced to acknowledge a new definition of the word 'Zoom'. Attending and participating in worship services was no exception. Very early on in the pandemic, it was recognized by church leadership and by public health authorities that in-person worship services were especially hazardous.

As a result of the dangers, Pastor Kim and CE Director Ken Crews were quickly forced to re-envision worship services as a 100% "livestreamed" format. Since then, the re-envisioning of worship has become a process that is still ongoing and evolving. Many challenges have been encountered and overcome, both with technology and with our traditional ways of doing things. A year ago, there were too many distractions, poor audio and video quality, internet hiccups, and poor lighting just to name a few. But as the services continued to evolve, it also became apparent that the environment that constrained us also presented us with new opportunities, new ways to be involved and participate, new ways to enhance the worship services, whether it be from new ways of doing music or from children's messages captured along the majestic shores of Lake Michigan.

As the CVT continues its work, the experiences of the last year are serving to inspire us in an ongoing process of re-envisioning our physical spaces so that they enhance and revitalize our worship experience into the longer term future.

Towards that end, the actions taken by the CVT since our last update include:

- On January 18, the Elevate Team and your Chancel Visioning Team met through Zoom to review the report on measurements made in the sanctuary and the resulting recommendations regarding the acoustic environment.
- On January 20, the Elevate Team provided the CVT with a written letter summarizing their overall findings and recommendations to form the basis for moving forward with potential physical and/or technological changes within the sanctuary.
- On January 28, the CVT held an internal meeting via Zoom to discuss the findings and recommendations from the Elevate Team. The general consensus was that the team would like to see and be able to assess a wider range of creative architectural concepts than had been provided so far by the Elevate Team. Moderator Linda Long was asked to provide feedback from the meeting to Elevate Team leadership.

As of this writing, a follow-up meeting with the Elevate Team is scheduled for early March to review revisions to their summary and recommendations.

Blessings,

Jerry Kahrs

CALENDAR

Monday, March 01, 2021

5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online

Tuesday, March 02, 2021

10:00 AM	Membership Team	Via Zoom
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 03, 2021

*5:30 PM	* <i>(rescheduled time)</i> Congregational Life Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Via Zoom

Thursday, March 04, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force (TBC)	Via Zoom

Friday, March 05, 2021

Saturday, March 06, 2021

Sunday, March 07, 2021

9:00 AM	CE Sunday Morning Study - Intergenerational	Via Zoom
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee Hour	Via Zoom
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class	144, 145, Online
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 08, 2021

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online

Tuesday, March 09, 2021

1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Prayer Group - Leila	Via Zoom
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Via Zoom

Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force	Via Zoom

Friday, March 12, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 2021

CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, March 14, 2021

9:00 AM	CE Sunday Morning Study - Intergenerational	Via Zoom
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class	144, 145, Online
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 15, 2021

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Via Zoom

Thursday, March 18, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, March 19, 2021

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Sunday, March 21, 2021

9:00 AM	CE Sunday Morning Study - Intergenerational	Via Zoom
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class	144, 145, Online
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 22, 2021

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
5:00 PM	Prayer Group - Andrea	Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Via Zoom
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Thursday, March 25, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force	Via Zoom

Friday, March 26, 2021

Saturday, March 27, 2021

CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, March 28, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class	144, 145, Online
12:00 PM	Palm Sunday Parade	FPC-outdoors
12:30 PM	Palm Sunday Lunch	Pavilion
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 29, 2021

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
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Tuesday, March 30, 2021

1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

**FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 2021**

Month Income	\$36,761	YTD Income	\$36,761
Month Expenses	<u>(30,603)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(30,603)</u>
Over/Short	\$6,158		\$6,158

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!

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

March 7, 2021	Maddie Wunderlin
March 14, 2021	Tom Byerly
March 21, 2021	Jason Adams
March 28, 2021	Michael Croarkin

RESALE SHOP NEWS

It's March, and we begin to see changes in our world. The weather is improving. The days are getting longer, and we can look forward to spring! Big changes happen at the Resale Shop too. We will close beginning March 12, 2021 and will reopen on March 23, 2021 with all new spring and summer merchandise. We will gladly accept your unwanted spring and summer clothing, household items and seasonal decorations. Our proceeds from every item we sell go directly to local charities. We are a "win-win-win" operation. Your closets are clean, our sales boom and our community benefits.

As many of us are taking advantage of the COVID-19 vaccination, we look forward to welcoming back volunteers who have heeded the guidelines and stayed at home. If you would like to share your time and talents with us, please call me at 231-590-5799. The small group that has kept the Resale Shop open for the past year could use your help!

Blessings to each of you as you prayerfully consider how you can assist the ministry of the Presbyterian Resale Shop.

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S 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/

RESALE SHOP SCHEDULER:
MARY LINDA SCOTT (231) 590-5799

RESALE SHOP SCHEDULE
MARCH 2021
11 AM – 3 PM TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
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TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
2 ½ OFF Pastor Nancy Becker Dolly Trapp	3 ½ OFF Chris Hurd Becky Bluhm	4 ½ OFF Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas	5 ½ OFF Star Ruwersma Debbie Kelley	6 ½ OFF Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila
9 \$1 DAY Debbie Kelley Pat Lane Dolly Trapp	10 \$1 DAY Jan Bays Nancy Porter	11 \$1 DAY Jacki Phillips Star Ruwersma	12 BACKROOM WORKERS CHANGEOVER BEGINS	13 CLOSED CHANGEOVER
16 CLOSED CHANGEOVER	17 CLOSED CHANGEOVER	18 CLOSED CHANGEOVER	19 CLOSED CHANGEOVER	20 CLOSED CHANGEOVER
23 REOPENING Becky Bluhm Debbie Kelley Pam Skaltsas Star Ruwersma	24 Debbie Kelley Jacki Phillips	25 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas	26 Debbie Kelley Mary Linda Scott	27 Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila
30 Pat Lane Dolly Trapp	31 Jan Bays Nancy Porter			

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 1
Chip Wilkes

March 9
Frances Martinez

March 27
Erin Leto

March 2
Kathy Joseph

March 10
Aaron Onohan
Jean Wheeler

March 30
Shayne Wassell

March 3
Ken Crews
David Goodwin
Erin Randall
Avalyn Richardson
Michael Williams

March 15
Peg Borgman
Catherine Busch
Carla Miller

March 5
Simon Cole
Beth Germann

March 16
Marilyn Owens
Laurie Swallow

March 6
Phyllis Bryant

March 20
Aiden Andrews

March 7
Macy Highlan
Katherin Swarner

March 23
Sharon Hubbard

March 8
Erin Goodpaster

March 24
Jill Edwards

March 26
Emma Adams

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 are due by noon the Monday prior to the publication.

PER CAPITA

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. *The cost is \$42.00 per member.* Per capita helps support the decisions of the commissioners to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as they discern the will of Jesus Christ together. It also supports the work of the Presbytery Commission of Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at:
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THANK YOU!

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Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team
Kim Croarkin	Matthew 25 Team iEngage Team**
Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Christian Education Team Nominating Team
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Lisa Pavlopoulos	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Jacki Phillips	Adult Spiritual Formation Team (CE)
Ryne Press.....	Community Task Force Mission Team*
Trish Lawson	Congregational Life Team Membership Team** Nominating Team**
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Susan Grosick, Membership Team Moderator

Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

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Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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